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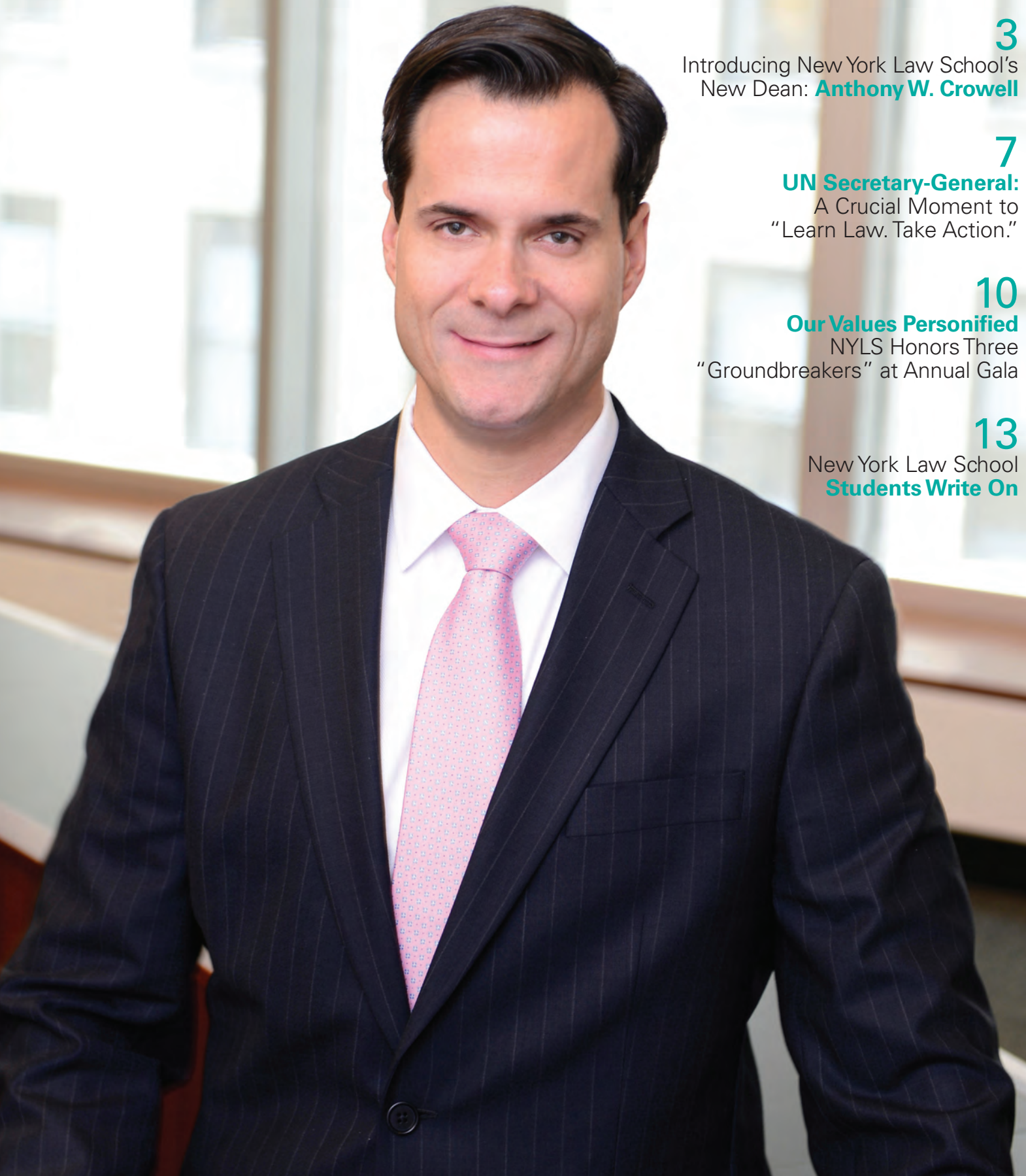
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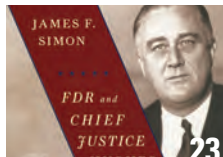
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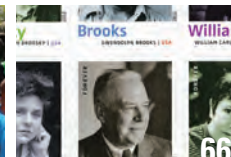
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A portrait of Anthony W. Crowell, a man with dark hair, wearing a dark pinstripe suit, white shirt, and a light blue striped tie. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a light, neutral color.

Introducing New York Law School's New Dean: **ANTHONY W. CROWELL**

By Andrea Juncos

In keeping with its tradition of bold and innovative leadership, New York Law School has named Anthony W. Crowell, former Counselor to New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, as the 16th Dean and President of the Law School. Dean Crowell was selected by a search committee of trustees and faculty and appointed by unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees in February 2012. He took office on May 22, joining the faculty as Professor of Law and Distinguished Practitioner.

“We are delighted that Anthony is joining New York Law School as President and Dean at this pivotal time,” said Arthur N. Abbey ’59, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. “His vision, intelligence, and energy make him the perfect leader for New York Law School. Anthony is ideally suited to maximize our strengths, including an innovative curriculum, distinguished faculty, and state-of-the-art building. He will inspire our students, faculty, and alumni and bring us recognition as a vanguard law school for the 21st century.”

Dean Crowell joins the Law School after serving for 10 years at City Hall. As Counselor to Mayor Bloomberg, he managed a broad portfolio of legal, regulatory, legislative, governance, administrative, and operational matters focused on enhancing New York City’s performance, competitiveness, accountability, and public integrity. He also provided coordination and oversight of city agencies, boards, and commissions, and spearheaded government reform efforts and business process re-engineering initiatives.

The Dean is also Board Chair of the Brooklyn Public Library, the nation’s fifth largest library system. He was appointed to the board in 2003 by Mayor Bloomberg and elected Chairman in 2009.

Dean Crowell has been an adjunct professor teaching state and local government classes at multiple institutions for 12 years. He has taught a seminar on New York City law at New York Law School since 2003, and has mentored many students who have gone on to successful careers. “Having taught here for nine years, I am deeply impressed by the quality and commitment of the students and their passion for learning and have watched with great admiration the School’s remaking of its entire curriculum, especially in the first year, to give students training in the real-life practice of law,” he said. “I look forward to working with the students, faculty, staff, and alumni to further the Law School’s mission, build on its strong legacy, and realize its promising future.”

Mayor Bloomberg applauded the Law School for its choice and expressed his confidence in Dean Crowell’s leadership. “Anthony Crowell is someone I’ve trusted with an extraordinary amount of responsibility over the past decade, because his legal and policy acumen are matched only by his management expertise and knowledge of city government,” the Mayor said. “He has been an integral part of our City Hall team, shaping and implementing almost all of our administration’s key initiatives. I could always count on Anthony to deliver straight-shooting analysis, sound advice, and creative solutions—no matter what the issue. New York Law School has been a valuable part of [New York] City’s legal and academic landscape for more than 120 years, and they have made an outstanding decision in selecting Anthony Crowell to lead the School into the future.”

Prior to his appointment as Counselor to Mayor Bloomberg, Dean Crowell served as Special Counsel to the Mayor from 2002 to 2006. From 1997 to 2002, he served as Assistant Corporation Counsel in the New York City Law Department’s Tax & Condemnation and Legal Counsel Divisions. In 2001, he directed the city’s World Trade Center Death Certificate Program and was counsel at the city’s Family Assistance Center, aiding families of victims of the 9/11 attacks.

In a statement issued in February, New York City Bar Association President Samuel W. Seymour recognized Dean Crowell’s exceptional work after 9/11 and beyond, and congratulated New York Law School on its decision. “We are delighted to hear that New York Law School has chosen Anthony Crowell as Dean and President,” Seymour said. “The City Bar worked closely with Mr. Crowell while serving victims and families after the 9/11 attacks, when he did excellent work as counsel at the city’s Family Assistance Center and as director of the Death Certificate Program for WTC victims. A former member of our Government Ethics Committee, he also received our City Bar’s Municipal Affairs Award, which recognizes City Law Department attorneys for their outstanding work.”

Several other leaders in New York’s legal community have echoed the applause, including Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance Jr. and NYC Corporation Counsel Michael A. Cardozo. “New York Law School could not have selected a better person than Anthony Crowell as its new Dean,” Cardozo said. “The School has a rich and respected reputation in the New York legal community, and Anthony—whose dedication to New York City is unmatched—is a perfect fit, particularly at a time when the challenges and changes law schools must face are becoming increasingly difficult. Anthony’s years of serving Mayor Bloomberg as Counselor, and his previous role working at the New York City Law Department, gave us a clear view of Anthony’s talent, profound legal abilities, and ability to implement change and get things done.”

Those abilities will serve Dean Crowell well at New York Law School, where he sees tremendous power and promise for the future. “New York Law School is an unparalleled institution with a wonderful faculty, state-of-the-art facility, and an unmatched location in the world’s capital,” he said. “No other law school in America has as great a potential . . . and I want to build on all the groundbreaking work we’ve done in recent years and lead our charge to fulfill that potential.”

His vision for moving the Law School forward is clear: “I am committed to ensuring that the local, national, and international legal communities recognize NYLS as a leader in providing a high-quality legal education and in attracting talented and committed students; whose faculty is first-rate and produces exceptional scholarship to drive positive changes in government,

business, and our legal system; and whose students and alumni are well trained to make meaningful contributions to the practice of law every day.”

To accomplish these goals, Dean Crowell has articulated four key priorities that he will lead the Law School community in addressing over the next five years:

1. Enhancing how the School serves its students to better ensure their success.
2. Reintroducing New York Law School to the legal and business communities, prospective students, and alumni to ensure they understand its value in the legal market.
3. Increasing support for and showcasing faculty scholarship.
4. Making New York Law School more affordable through efforts that include fund-raising to support academic scholarships.

The Dean's plans for enhancing how the Law School serves its students include the continued integration of experiential learning opportunities into the curriculum—building on the new first-year skills program and other recent curricular developments—to provide the practical training needed in today's market. “While the roles lawyers play in society have never been more varied and relevant, modern realities have forced changes in legal education and the practice of law,” he said. “Now more than ever, students are required to build their legal skills by applying what they learn in the classroom to real-life practice before they graduate.

“The strength of the NYLS faculty and our location just steps away from Wall Street, the courts, and the federal, state, and local government leaders and agencies, provides our students with unique opportunities for classroom and workplace learning all at once,” Dean Crowell continued. “We will always remain nimble and seek to adapt to changes in the marketplace and legal education by routinely identifying ways to complement our already exceptional curriculum with new courses and training opportunities in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. This will allow our students to be best prepared for the demands of modern-day lawyering and give them the very best advantages needed in today's competitive legal job market.”

The Dean will have special insight into the market's changing demands; in July, he was invited to join a new task force of the New York City Bar Association charged with addressing the challenges facing new lawyers entering the job market. Among the questions the group will address is whether recent changes in the market are temporary or reflect a more fundamental shift in the structure and

operation of the legal profession. The task force will begin meeting in September and is expected to report its findings in 2013.

Dean Crowell also intends to bolster the School's academic advising, career placement, and bar prep programs, and to build the networks of alumni and adjunct professors who can help students make choices and transitions inside and outside of school.

The process of “reintroducing” the Law School, the Dean said, will involve spreading the word about the School's outstanding programs and scholarship, and the quality of lawyers it produces, to various constituencies so that they understand the value NYLS brings to the legal profession. “We will cultivate new and existing relationships within the legal, corporate, public, and nonprofit sectors, as well as in the undergraduate community,” he explained.

In addition, Dean Crowell will support and showcase faculty scholarship. “To build on our already great strengths, we will ensure and invest in the highest quality and most impactful scholarship by better coordinating Law School-wide efforts to promote faculty scholarship and

Top: U.S. Senator John F. Kerry with Dean Anthony W. Crowell at the March 2, 2012 Sidney Shainwald Public Interest Lecture at NYLS.

Bottom (left to right): Dean Crowell with NYLS Trustee Kathleen Grimm '83, Deputy Chancellor of Operations, NYC DOE; Ronald E. Richter, Commissioner, NYC Administration for Children's Services; and NYLS Professor Ross Sandler at the April 20, 2012 CityLaw Breakfast.



to fund-raise to support it,” he said. “This will allow the faculty to distinguish itself in a crowded academic space, be recognized as a driving force to positively impact the world around us, and elevate the prominence of the Law School.”

The Dean is also dedicated to making New York Law School more affordable for students, and to launching the fund-raising and other strategic efforts necessary to do so. He expects that the School’s impressive alumni community will play a critical role in these efforts. “NYLS alumni are doing some of the most important and cutting-edge legal work in New York City and beyond—as judges, law firm partners, corporate leaders, and high-ranking government officials,” he said. “They are also making a significant impact in the world as leaders in many other fields, demonstrating the value and versatility of a New York Law School education.”

For this reason, Dean Crowell said, it’s important for alumni to remember the institutions and people who have helped them get where they are today. He urges alumni to “stay connected, be involved, and give back to help the next generation of NYLS graduates.” And he explained some of the many ways they can make a difference: “NYLS needs its alumni to give financial support to ensure that the School continues to offer the best faculty, programs, facilities, and scholarships for its students; to mentor and hire our students and other alumni; and to help promote the mission and value of the School and its programs to ensure that the public understands the quality legal education that NYLS has provided on a daily basis for the past 120 years.”

Dean Crowell is developing a strategic plan in partnership with the entire New York Law School community and is confident that the School will achieve its objectives by working and planning together, as it has always done. “We will not be starting from scratch,” he said. “We will build on the excellent work already done in implementing new programs and developing new proposals in recent years. Most importantly, we will work together to advance the goals we prioritize collectively.”

He acknowledges the enormous contributions of his predecessor, Dean Emeritus Richard A. Matasar, now Vice President of University Enterprise Initiatives at New

York University, and commends Associate Dean Carol A. Buckler, who served as Interim Dean. “I am honored to follow in the footsteps of Dean Matasar, whose impact on both New York Law School and the field of legal education is demonstrable and lasting,” Dean Crowell said. “I am also grateful to Dean Buckler for her outstanding leadership during the period of transition.”

The Dean’s passion and enthusiasm for New York Law School are apparent. The Law School community is eager to partner with him in propelling the School forward and ensuring that its future is brighter than ever. [f](#)

Dean Crowell with Associate Dean Carol A. Buckler (top) and alumni and friends (middle) at the Law School’s Alumni Weekend on April 21, 2012.

Bottom: Dean Crowell pictured with Professor Arthur S. Leonard and incoming student Natalya Friss at the Yankees vs. Mets game at Citi Field on June 22, 2012.



OUR VALUES PERSONIFIED NYLS HONORS THREE “GROUNDBREAKERS” AT ANNUAL GALA

By Andrea Juncos



On November 9, 2011, 450 alumni and friends gathered at Pier Sixty at Chelsea Piers in Manhattan to recognize three individuals who exemplify New York Law School’s core values: embracing innovation, fostering integrity and professionalism, and advancing justice for a diverse society. This year’s honorees at the *Breaking New Ground. Again.* Gala Celebration were Susan Mendik Tarkinow, Member of the NYLS Board of Trustees; Vincent A. Carbonell ’99, Founder and President of United Reprographic Services; and Richard A. Matasar, Dean and President of NYLS from 2000 to 2011. Arthur N. Abbey ’59, Chair of the Board of Trustees, presented each honoree with the “Groundbreaker Award” for their contributions to the Law School and to society as a whole.



The first honoree was Mendik Tarkinow, recognized for advancing justice for a diverse society. Introducing her to the black-tie crowd, Abbey said, “Suzy brings her formidable intellect, her significant accomplishments in business, her broad perspective, and her universally recognized kindness to everything she does.”

Mendik Tarkinow has served on the School’s Board of Trustees since the death of her late husband, Bernard H. Mendik ’58, in 2001. Mendik was a past Chair of the Board and the former Chairman of the Real Estate Board of New York.

“Education was everything to Bernie,” Mendik Tarkinow said in a video shown at the event. “He realized at a young age that the way out from where he was born and to success was through learning.”

Always grateful to NYLS, Mendik supported the Law School throughout his life, and in 1990, he and Mendik Tarkinow endowed the School’s library, which carries the Mendik name. When the School opened its new building in 2009, Mendik Tarkinow decided to carry on the tradition and name the new library in honor of the Mendik family.

“This is something that [Bernie] would be thrilled about,” she said of the gift. “And it was something that I wanted to do to continue his legacy.”

Mendik Tarkinow told the audience that following in the “philanthropic footsteps” of her late husband was “an easy choice . . . he was a great role model.” In addition to serving on the Law School’s board, she is a trustee of the Jewish Guild for the Blind and a member of the Board of

Directors of the Grand Central Partnership. She also sits on the Advisory Board for the NYU Cochlear Implant Center and has been on the Regency Whist Club’s Board of Directors for many years.

The next honoree was Carbonell, called “the 21st-century renaissance man” by then-Dean Matasar.

“Vince basically invented a field,” Dean Matasar said. “He’s one of the few people that you can imagine with a general background becoming an expert in an incredibly technical field, that of reprographics.”

Recognized for embracing innovation, Carbonell founded United Reprographic Services in 1988. The company is a leader in the reprographic industry and serves architects, engineers, construction firms, and government agencies. Recent projects include providing reprographic services for federal court buildings in New York City as well as the Freedom Tower in Manhattan.

In a video broadcast, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) said, “Vince’s work on the Freedom Tower is an important part of rebuilding the World Trade Center and a real source of pride for New Yorkers and all Americans.”

A trustee of the Law School, Carbonell provided reprographic services for the School’s new building and was the first donor to name a classroom as part of the School’s capital campaign. He also supports the School’s Carbonell Fellowship in Law and Policy, which he established in honor of his father in 2003.



"I wanted to be the first one to name a classroom," he said. "It's important for my daughter, who is in the graduating class of 2030, and she is looking forward to taking classes in Daddy's classroom."

Carbonell, who also has an M.B.A. and Ph.D., told the audience, "In my over 28 years of formal educational pursuits, my four years at NYLS were by far the most rewarding, exciting, and definitely the most fun."

He went on to describe lawyers as our society's greatest innovators. "They are the voice of the American people demanding that our products and services be made safer and better. Lawyers are the catalyst for the millions of innovations that we take for granted every day."

The final honoree was Dean Matasar, lauded for fostering integrity and professionalism as New York Law School's dean from 2000 to 2011.


"I worked side by side with Rick for the 11 years of his tenure," said Abbey. "Personally, it's been a wonderful experience for me, and I know how hard he works and how dedicated he is to making New York Law School the best that it can be."

Abbey highlighted some of the milestones from Dean Matasar's tenure—the increase in the School's bar pass rate, the growth of its endowment, the completion of its new facility, and the creation of 11 new academic centers and programs. Abbey also recognized Dean Matasar for establishing the School's core values and its credo, "Learn law. Take action."

In a video broadcast, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg applauded Dean Matasar for his service to the School and New York City: "Under Dean Matasar's leadership, New York Law School has continued to expand. The new building, for example, was the first new building completed after 9/11. This is a great law school and it's just gotten better during the last 11 years."

Calling himself a "steward of our law school," Dean Matasar expressed his gratitude to the entire Law School community, explaining that without them, none of the accomplishments Abbey described could have happened. He recognized former Deans E. Donald Shapiro, James F. Simon, and Harry H. Wellington for paving the way for his success, adding that he hopes to do the same for his successor.

"My 11 years at NYLS have been incredibly rewarding," Dean Matasar said. "It's been a true privilege to work with all of you, and the best part of it is, it's only the beginning of the next era."

In addition to the awards ceremony, the gala celebration included a silent auction, dinner, and dancing, and raised \$750,000 to benefit the Law School and its students. 

Breaking New Ground. Again.



UN Secretary-General: A Crucial Moment to “Learn Law. Take Action.”

By Michael Rhee



In what he called his first-ever address to a group of future lawyers, His Excellency Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations, speaking at the Otto L. Walter Lecture on October 4, 2011, exhorted New York Law School students to play a leading role in promoting the rule of law at a time he referred to as “one of the most dramatic in recent history.”

Ban’s lecture came shortly after the UN’s busiest period of general debate of the year, and he drew on those discussions in describing a backdrop of economic and political uncertainty around the world. “We are seeing tectonic shifts in global power,” he told the audience of nearly 300 guests. “There is disillusion with the established order, be it democratic or repressive. We see distrust in institutions, be they public or private—a sense that the playing field is tilted in favor of entrenched interests and elites.”

This growing public dissatisfaction has led to what the Secretary-General called “sweeping democratic movements” across North Africa and the Middle East, where long-standing rulers in nations such as Egypt and Tunisia have been swept aside by “millions of people [who] have taken to the streets demanding freedom, democracy, and better governance.” He said that the so-called Arab Spring movements, as well as similar movements in other nations across the globe, should be especially inspiring to his NYLS audience. “After all, the banner that has united them is the rule of law.”

Ban explained how the UN has helped nations promote the rule of law throughout history, and he highlighted some of the organization’s recent successes in assisting newly formed governments. For example, he said, the UN has provided technical assistance to several countries in organizing and



carrying out credible and democratic elections. In the area of international criminal law, Ban explained, various UN criminal tribunals have "carved out new legal territory, winning convictions for genocide and establishing rape as a crime against humanity." And in partnerships with regional and civil society groups, the UN has helped nations overcome gender inequalities through legislative reform and restitution programs.

Looking ahead, Ban stressed the importance of shared accountability in protecting human rights worldwide, as well as a preventative rather than intervening approach. "We are moving with ever greater determination into an age of accountability," he said. "I want to see a world where accountability, the rule of law, and a culture of prevention work together for a sustainable peace."

Given the quick pace of political upheavals occurring around the world, he explained, the UN—more than ever before—has to assist nations in developing the rule of law. "Our challenge now is to help these societies successfully manage their transitions, and build the foundation they need to ensure that the gains they have achieved are irreversible, and that the peace they have found is sustainable," he said. "That foundation lies in the rule of law."

Among other needs, nations emerging from decades of oppression and corruption have asked the UN to help them draft constitutions and rebuild or establish institutions that promote human rights and due process. "At times of great flux and transformation such as those we are living through today, opportunities to make a difference are especially

compelling," stated Ban, who was re-elected last year to a second five-year term as Secretary-General, and had previously served as a diplomat for South Korea for nearly 40 years.

He then called on students at New York Law School to help him and the United Nations promote the rule of law at a global level. Noting that the Law School may "not have what the biggest schools have—a stadium or a campus with a classic quad," the Secretary-General reminded the audience that "this great school has a motto that gets a loud cheer from me: 'Learn law. Take action.' That's very important. That is exactly the same philosophy that I have. Lead by example. Take action. Deliver results."

Ban encouraged students to join one of the UN peace missions to help build accountable justice systems in emerging democracies around the world. He expressed his confidence in the NYLS community, saying that one of the reasons he visited the Law School was to speak to students "about how their talents are just what the United Nations needs at this crucial time in world affairs."

The Secretary-General originally learned about New York Law School from James D. Zirin, a member of the School's



Left to right: Professor Lloyd Bonfield, then-Dean Richard A. Matasar, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, NYLS Board Chair Arthur N. Abbey '59, and NYLS Trustee James D. Zirin.



Board of Trustees and Senior Counsel at Sidley Austin LLP. In introducing Ban to the audience, Zirin described the UN chief as “no armchair diplomat,” noting that “he has crisscrossed the world in an effort to put an end to the scourge of war.”

Promoting the rule of law, said Ban, would also honor the late Dr. Otto Walter '54, the namesake of the annual Otto L. Walter Lecture, which is organized by the Law School's Center for International Law under the leadership of its Director, Professor Lloyd Bonfield. Ban pointed out that Walter had “devoted himself to UN causes,” among others, and that today, the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation “supports literacy programs in Guatemala, and fights hunger and domestic violence here in New York City.”

Ban warned that failing to help nations develop effective systems for the rule of law could lead to a chain of events that is “all too common,” including the loss of investments and jobs, poor public services, and “distrust or outright hostility towards the state,” among other problems. “This is not just theory,” he said. “The global implications of these dynamics are self-evident.”

Ban also urged nations such as the United States to remain engaged with world affairs, especially during these tumultuous times, adding, “A legal expression captures this idea perfectly: when it comes to global problem-solving, there is no opt-out clause.”

Left to right: UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon with NYLS Board Chair Arthur Abbey.



Concluding his lecture, the Secretary-General challenged the audience: “You are living in a most prosperous and rich country. But try to look beyond the United States, try to look around the world where many people are in danger, are in need of immediate help—humanitarian or legal protections. There are many people whose human rights are abused, brutally abused. . . . Therefore, I will look to all of you, faculty and students alike, to stand up for the principles that animate this school—justice, equality, and the certainty of law.”

Ban, accompanied by his wife and several UN officials, later joined a private dinner in the Events Center with student members of the Center for International Law, where they discussed several issues mentioned during the lecture. One dinner guest, Chirag Desai '11, said: “It was certainly a privilege to be dining in the same room with UN diplomats and our faculty.” 



New York Law School Students Write On

By Mona Houck '04



An award-winning blog, an innovative research project, and a series of guidebooks for legal writers are among the ways the Office of Academic Publishing is turning New York Law School students into published authors.

The office oversees the Program in Law and Journalism, the *New York Law School Law Review*, and Tribeca Square Press. Though the office's Director, Professor Jethro K. Lieberman, says that "we're still in an experimental stage," the early efforts have yielded solid results.

Students in the Program in Law and Journalism (PLJ), for example, started a blog called *Legal As She Is Spoke* (LASIS) that tackles the legal aspects of newsy topics in posts that expand on—and sometimes correct or refine—reporting in the mainstream press. In 2011, the blog won the "Niche" category in the annual *ABA Journal's* Blawg 100 competition and, with more than 1,000 votes, was the most popular blog over all.

"It was very exciting to find out that we crushed the competition," says Adjunct Professor Michelle Zierler, PLJ Director. (Check out the blog at www.lasisblog.com, and follow it on Twitter, @LASIS_Blog.)

Not bad for a blog that started just a few years ago as a project students worked on over their lunch hours. Professor Zierler credits Professors Lieberman and Dan Hunter with championing the blog concept as a way to help students learn about the law while honing their research and writing skills. "If not for them, it would never have gotten off the ground," she says.

The blog has certainly taken off, becoming the centerpiece of a four-semester Legal Reporting course, the core curriculum for students who become PLJ Associates and graduate with a concentration in law and journalism. In addition to this course, students choose from a range of media-related classes such as Explaining the Law to the Public, Dealing with the Press, Legal Landmines for Reporters, and Visual Persuasion. This fall, PLJ will become part of the School's Harlan Honors Program, affiliated with the Institute for Information Law & Policy.

Professor Lieberman says the program seeks to help students learn to write in a way that will help them

adapt to never-ending changes in legal careers. "You have to be nimble," he says. "Lawyers will be writing not only client material but all sorts of other things for the Web."

That means writing to appeal to a mass audience and abandoning legalese. "They learn how to communicate effectively and crisply and engagingly to keep a reader's attention," Professor Zierler says. "They have to really dig deep to explain things in plain English."

Professor Zierler pushes students to produce quality, original work for the blog. Each post goes through her hands, and she often sends submissions back for one or more rewrites. "They have to keep trying until they succeed," she explains. "And they are stepping up and doing a fantastic job."

The standard for publication is a rigorous one. "[A post] should say something that has not been said before, and it should say it well," she says. "[Students] have to do research; they have to analogize and think about outcomes. I want them to earn their bylines."

That was no easy task, says Trevor Timm '11, a PLJ alum. Writing multiple drafts of assignments every other week turned out to be more work than many other classes, he says. But that work paid off, leading to published writing samples and attracting interest from other publications that sometimes reran the posts or cited work on the blog. For example, one of Timm's posts about WikiLeaks was picked up by several bloggers and news outlets, including *Mother Jones*, *Salon*, and the *Sri Lanka Guardian*.





Professors Michelle Zierler and Jethro K. Lieberman (center) with 2010-11 LASIS bloggers, including Trevor Timm '11 (to the right of Professor Lieberman).

The blog posts also drew attention in job interviews. “They end up being better writing samples for employers than long papers or law review articles because they’re much more consumable,” Timm says.

And his work in PLJ improved his performance on exams in other classes. “Because you’re writing throughout the semester more than anyone else, and you’re trying to write in a clear and concise way, it ends up helping you on your other tests.”

Timm and other PLJ students who have shown they can excel in the program have also benefited from externships at places like *The New Yorker*, A&E, and CBS.

But for Timm, the ultimate payoff came after graduation. “Besides making me a better writer, in the end [my PLJ work] helped me get a job,” says Timm, who is now an activist at the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) in San Francisco, a nonprofit group that is dedicated to defending digital liberties through advocacy that focuses on online free speech, digital privacy, copyright and fair use, and Internet law. Timm is a writer for EFF, specializing in government transparency and free speech issues. “This is basically my dream job,” he says. “A lot of my job is doing exactly what I was doing for the Law and Journalism blog: taking real and complex issues that are in the news and analyzing and explaining them to the public.”

Timm’s new career is just one example of the successes the program has enjoyed as it evolves. “We didn’t start with this thought in mind,” Professor Lieberman says, “but we’re beginning to see the possibility of other careers for students who become pretty good writers and editors.”

The *Law Review* is also evolving and seeking new publishing outlets for students. “We’re very interested in thinking about and looking for opportunities for the students to do research and writing about topics that aren’t being covered elsewhere or taking on projects that other law reviews aren’t thinking of,” says Professor Marcey L. Grigsby ’06, the Associate Publisher of the *Law Review*. To that end, Professor Grigsby worked with four students to conduct original empirical research examining diversity on law reviews nationwide—a definite step beyond writing the standard note or comment. Their findings show that law schools with a high percentage of full-time women and minority faculty members have, on average, greater gender diversity among the membership and leadership of their law reviews than law schools ranked in the top 50 by *U.S. News & World Report*. The resulting report, released in fall 2011, was covered in *The National Law Journal*, a nice bit of attention for the students and the School. In addition, Professor Grigsby says, “the four students really got incredible research and writing experience for something that is very relevant to legal education and the profession.”

Ensuring that the *Law Review* is addressing current issues in the profession is crucial, and that includes presenting legal scholarship in novel ways. “We’re encouraging students and other faculty members to really think outside the box and come up with new ideas,” she says.

Another way the *Law Review* has broken with tradition is through its visual scholarship project. Professor Richard K. Sherwin, an expert in the field of visual persuasion in litigation, works with students on this project, in which a group of editors interviews speakers at one of the *Law*



Recent titles in the *Legal Backgrounder* series, published by Tribeca Square Press.

Review's conferences and produces a video that conveys the ideas and proposals presented at the conference. "It's another medium in which we can disseminate some of the scholarship that's been developed with our symposia each year," Professor Grigsby says, "and it gives the students a chance to exercise a different set of skills related to that." (Examples of this work, as well as the diversity report and other publications, are available at www.nyls.edu/lawreview.)

The *Law Review* is also allowing 3Ls to write and publish short commentaries about issues that arise in its conferences, an outlet that allows for a bit more creativity than a note or comment. Another experiment is publishing some articles online only, rather than limiting publication to the four print issues each year. "That may present some new opportunities for us to expand the content that we can publish and give the students more opportunities to work with other authors," Professor Grigsby says. Some students on *Law Review* are also working with PLJ, getting published on the LASIS blog, or with the Center for New York City Law, which offers additional publishing opportunities.

All of these efforts are part of the *Law Review's* dual goals: to be a forum for relevant scholarly ideas, and to provide more educational options for students. That includes helping students develop writing and editing skills, learn to manage projects, and work as a team.

"The *Law Review* exists for the benefit of students and for them to develop a set of skills that will be really important to them when they're practicing attorneys," Professor Grigsby says. "So we're looking for opportunities to help them do that and give them an opportunity to explore issues they really care about."


Through Tribeca Square Press, students have a chance to delve deeply into issues that interest them and add an unusual line to a law school résumé: monograph author.

Some of the titles published by Tribeca Square Press come from the Center for New York City Law, and others are the product of a class Professor Lieberman teaches called Explaining Law to the Public. "Students are tasked with writing a monograph of 60 to 70 pages or more about some important legal topic that's been in the news and will continue to be in the news," he says. "And they must write it in such a way that legal reporters who are not legally trained can get a sense of the law."

The monographs, called *Legal Backgrounders*, attempt to describe and summarize the state of the law for the benefit of non-lawyers who are writing about it. Recent titles include *Marriage and Its Alternatives*; *Generation Mixtape*; and *Criminalizing Hate*.

"It gives an opportunity to students to do something that I don't think exists anywhere else, which is to have a book published while they are in law school," Professor Lieberman says.

He expects all of the Office of Academic Publishing programs to continue to grow and change. "It's really very early days for those of us who are thinking about new forms of writing and publishing," he says. "But I do hope that all of these programs will be expanding and that more students will be involved."

"The bottom line is, students need to learn to write clearly and concisely for many different purposes," Professor Lieberman adds. "All students need to be proficient in writing, and increasingly, they need to be publishing. So the goal is to increase publishing opportunities for students." 

Stay tuned to the next issue of *New York Law School Magazine*



Next Issue: U.S. Senator John F. Kerry's Shainwald Lecture at New York Law School

Stay tuned to the next issue of *New York Law School Magazine* for coverage of the 2012 Sidney Shainwald Public Interest Lecture, held on March 2, 2012, at the Law School, where Hon. John F. Kerry, Senior Senator from Massachusetts and Chair of the Foreign Relations Committee, spoke to an audience of distinguished guests about the most critical challenges facing the United States today.

Senator Kerry described the "political and ideological gridlock" in Congress and the need to "put America back on track" in terms of infrastructure, energy, education, and reducing the national deficit.

"We are holding ourselves back on many different fronts at a time when America is ready to burst out and go out in a resurgence of entrepreneurial energy and possibility and take the world by storm," he said. "We're standing in our own way."

Challenging the audience to get involved and help change the current course of the nation, he said: "We've got to make this year a moment of enormous accountability and we've got to change what we're doing and bring this accountability to the table . . . because really, we have the power."

More about the event, which included opening remarks from Board Chairman Arthur N. Abbey '59, Sybil Shainwald '76, and Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (D-N.Y.), will be featured in the next issue.

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Still Separate and Unequal: Racial Justice Project Aids Effort to Unify “Black” and “White” Schools in the South

By Edie Sachs

In pockets of the deep South, segregation effectively persists in the way certain school districts keep white and African American students and their educational facilities separate and unequal. New York Law School’s Racial Justice Project (RJP) is assisting the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund (LDF) in its efforts to ensure that Southern school districts are complying with pending court orders mandating complete desegregation of “black” and “white” schools.

“There are hundreds of outstanding school desegregation cases that were filed in the 1960s and ’70s around the country,” says Professor Deborah N. Archer, Director of the RJP, which is housed within the School’s Justice Action Center. “In the cases that we’re working on—*Horton v. Lawrence County Board of Education* in Alabama, and *Ayers v. Western Line School District* in Mississippi—you can visit the school districts and see clearly that one school is a ‘white school’ and another is a ‘black school.’ And in the ‘black’ schools, children are being denied opportunities for learning and engagement due to the conditions that exist in those schools.”

In the RJP’s capacity as co-counsel, Professor Archer and several of her students in the Civil Rights Clinic are paying site visits to schools in the districts impacted by the two cases. This past December, they traveled to Lawrence County, Alabama. “The physical facilities in the ‘black’ schools are really quite sad and heartbreaking,” she says. “They’re not getting the same athletic facilities; the libraries are smaller, with much older and fewer books. Some of the ‘white’ schools have brand-new computer equipment, but when we visited a ‘black’ high school, many of the computers were very outdated or just didn’t work.

“The ‘black’ schools have mostly black teachers and black administrators; in the ‘white’ schools, there were very few

black teachers,” she continues. “So it’s still two very different worlds for black and white students in some areas of the country.” She calls these inequalities “a daily assault on the self-esteem of these children.”

NYLS is the only law school in the country, to Professor Archer’s knowledge, that is working with either the NAACP LDF or the U.S. Department of Justice on school desegregation cases. “It’s hard for [the LDF] to monitor all the cases on their docket,” she says. “A judge may issue an order to a district to take steps so that teachers aren’t assigned to schools based on race. But that requires the time and resources to monitor compliance, and to take action where necessary so the court can step in again and get the district to comply.”

Participating students are getting valuable hands-on learning opportunities. “They’re doing legal and factual research into the responsibilities of the school districts,” says Professor Archer. “We recently submitted a brief in the Alabama case, and the students researched and drafted portions of it. They sit down with us for negotiations with the school districts and for all the strategy sessions. They’re an integral part of the team.”

One of these students, Matthew Hellman 3L, says that his work with the RJP “has satisfied nearly every educational goal I had set for myself upon entering law school.

“The opportunity to contribute in any way to a case involving school desegregation is an absolute honor and, frankly, a thrill,” he says. “I think that if you care about these issues, you have a duty to become involved. Change in these schools will not materialize from thin air, and in fact, opponents of desegregation are more than happy to allow the persistence of the status quo, or even to see rollbacks from integration policies.”

Center Updates

Center on Business Law & Policy

The Center on Business Law & Policy hosted three events as part of its popular Master Class series for New York Law School students during the fall 2011 semester. On September 7, the Center welcomed Howard Fischer, Senior Trial Counsel with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Fischer's talk, "A Day in the Life of an SEC Enforcement Attorney," gave students an insider's view of the SEC's work and the critical roles attorneys play in enforcing U.S. securities laws.

Later that month, students learned from Ernest E. Badway about building a career in corporate law. Badway, a partner at Fox Rothschild in Roseland, New Jersey, gave a presentation titled "How to Become a Successful Corporate Securities Lawyer," in

which he offered helpful career advice based on his experiences in private practice.

On November 3, the Center presented its third Master Class called "Building a Career in International Business Arbitration," presented by James Berger, an attorney at Paul Hastings LLP. Berger discussed several of his high-profile arbitration cases and the unique challenges facing attorneys who work with international parties.

The Center on Business Law & Policy's Master Class series is open to all New York Law School students. The classes are designed to educate students about career opportunities and to offer insights into the business from the perspective of experienced practitioners.



Top (left to right): Howard Fischer, Senior Trial Counsel with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, with Professor Howard S. Meyers, Center Director.

Bottom (left to right): CBLP Student Fellow Christopher Warren 2L, Ernest E. Badway, Partner at Fox Rothschild; Professor Meyers; and CBLP Student Fellow Nicholas Turner 3L.

Center on Financial Services Law

The Center on Financial Services Law provides a wide variety of programs to educate and train students, alumni, and legal practitioners on current legal and regulatory events affecting the global financial services industry. These programs include CLE events, speaker forums, externships within the financial services industry, and many other related activities. On November 15, 2011, the Center hosted Bart Chilton, Commissioner of the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), who spoke on "The Pandemic of Ponzimonium" before an audience of more than 150 attendees. Commissioner Chilton discussed the growing number of Ponzi schemes and other investment scams and the devastating impact these scams have on investors.

"Every day, 24/7, 365, there are fraudsters out there trying to get our green," he said. "It's 'Ponzimonium' out there—people are being taken advantage of all the time, and the real key to combating it is education."

Commissioner Chilton described efforts being undertaken by the CFTC to protect the consuming public, including the release of a new publication, *Ponzimonium—How Scam Artists Are Ripping Off America*. He touched on some of the cases in the book, explaining that most scammers use "affinity fraud," targeting people they already have relationships with. He also outlined a list of red flags for investors, and provided an investor checklist. His entire presentation, which included a Q&A session, can be viewed on the Center's website, www.nyls.edu/financecenter.

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Center on FINANCIAL SERVICES LAW
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Presents:

THE PANDEMIC OF PONZIMONIUM

Tuesday, November 15, 2011
2:00 p.m.
New York Law School
185 West Broadway
Auditorium

The Honorable Bart Chilton, Commissioner of the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, will be giving a speech on "The Pandemic of Ponzimonium," and will also be available for a Q & A session following his presentation.

To attend this special event, please send your RSVP via e-mail to Professor Ronald Filler at Ronald.Filler@nyls.edu.

Center for New York City Law

On October 14, 2011, the Center for New York City Law hosted a breakfast featuring Michael Horodniceanu, Ph.D., President of the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) Capital Construction Company, who spoke on the “Status of the MTA’s Mega Projects.”

Dr. Horodniceanu opened his presentation with statistics about the MTA, including that the system provides 8.5 million transit rides a day, which translates to 30 percent of all transit rides taken in the United States.

“We are the lifeblood of a \$1.4 trillion regional economy and we provide 25 percent of construction industry jobs today,” Dr. Horodniceanu said. “We expect to create 350,000 jobs in New York and spur \$44 billion in economic activity overall.”

The MTA Capital Construction Company was created in 2003 to undertake “mega projects,” which include the Long Island Rail Road East Side Access to Grand Central Terminal, the Second Avenue Subway Line, the No. 7 Line Extension, the Fulton Street Transit Center, and the South Ferry Station (which was completed in 2009). As President, Dr. Horodniceanu oversees these projects, which represent the largest transit expansion program in the nation today. For each project, he described the benefits, budgets, challenges, and impact on commuters. For instance, the LIRR East Side Access into Grand Central project will serve about 160,000 customers per day once completed.

Dr. Horodniceanu was formerly the Traffic Commissioner for the City of New York, responsible for managing traffic in New York City as well as the largest public parking system in the United States.



Top (left to right): Professor Ross Sandler, Center Director, welcomed Dr. Michael Horodniceanu, President of MTA Capital Construction, as the October 14 CityLaw Breakfast speaker.

Bottom: Dr. Horodniceanu spoke with CityLaw Breakfast attendees following his October 14 talk on the “Status of the MTA’s Mega Projects.”

Center for Professional Values and Practice

On November 14, 2011, the Center for Professional Values and Practice (CPVP) hosted “Future Ethics: Who Will Regulate Lawyers in 2020?”—a panel discussion about the most important ethical and regulatory issues facing our increasingly global and high-tech profession. American Bar Association President William T. (Bill) Robinson III delivered the keynote address, which focused on the dramatic changes in private law practice during the course of his career. He also described some of the key issues facing the ABA Commission on Ethics 20/20, which was created to perform a thorough review of the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct and the U.S. system of lawyer regulation in the context of advances in technology and global legal practice developments.

President Robinson was joined by distinguished panelists Bruce Green, Louis Stein Professor of Law and Director of the Louis Stein Center for Law & Ethics at Fordham Law School, who discussed increasing pressure for the national regulation of U.S. lawyers; Susan Fortney, Howard Lichtenstein Distinguished Professor of Legal Ethics and Director of the Institute for the Study of Legal Ethics at Hofstra Law School, who spoke about the importance of empirical research on the profession and the use of research to inform professional regulation; and Michael Mills, Chief Executive Officer, Neota Logic, who discussed advances in expert system technology and the challenges such technology poses for the training and regulation of lawyers. Professor Elizabeth Chambliss, Co-director of CPVP, moderated the panel.



Top (left to right): ABA President William T. (Bill) Robinson III and Fordham Law Professor Bruce Green discuss the future regulation of the legal profession.

Bottom: Susan Fortney, Howard Lichtenstein Distinguished Professor of Legal Ethics and Director of the Institute for the Study of Legal Ethics, Hofstra Law School.

Center for Real Estate Studies

On October 4, 2011, the Center for Real Estate Studies co-sponsored a breakfast forum with the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy of Cambridge, Massachusetts. New York Law School Professor Gerald Korngold, a Visiting Fellow at the Lincoln Institute, moderated this panel of distinguished speakers titled "Payments In Lieu of Taxes (PILOTs) by Nonprofit Organizations: The Next Property Tax Revenue Measure for New York?"

The event addressed the basic legal and policy issues of PILOTs. Panelists analyzed the budgetary tension between nonprofits exempt from real property taxes and the high cost of services provided by local governments. As municipalities face budget deficits caused by decreased tax revenues and increased costs, exploring the use of voluntary PILOTs for nonprofits is an important policy debate. Speakers included Daphne A. Kenyon, Ph.D., Visiting Fellow, Lincoln Institute;

Adam H. Langley, Research Analyst, Lincoln Institute; Ronnie Lowenstein, Director, NYC Independent Budget Office; Michael Whelan, CFO, Services for the UnderServed, NYC; and Professor Korngold.

One highlight was a discussion of the Lincoln Institute's recent report on PILOTs. Its authors, Kenyon and Langley, presented their research and answered questions. Langley's economic research identified 27 states where PILOTs were already being implemented and identified the highest concentration of PILOTs in the Northeast. Kenyon presented her policy proposal on collaborative approaches for engaging nonprofits in PILOT agreements. She suggested that municipalities with the most significant share of total property value owned by exempt nonprofits and those most heavily reliant on property tax revenue should be the most aggressive in pursuing voluntary PILOTs.



Top (left to right): Ronnie Lowenstein, Adam H. Langley, and Daphne A. Kenyon, Ph.D. presenting at the Center's breakfast on PILOTs.

Bottom (left to right): Erin Felker Bond of CRES, Semida Munteanu of Lincoln Institute, Joan Youngman of Lincoln Institute, Professor Andrew R. Berman of CRES, Daphne Kenyon of Lincoln Institute, Michael Whelan of Services for the UnderServed, Adam Langley of Lincoln Institute, Ronnie Lowenstein of NYC's Independent Budget Office, and Professor Gerald Korngold of CRES.

Diane Abbey Law Center for Children and Families

In fall 2011, the Diane Abbey Law Center for Children and Families launched a partnership with the Youth Advocacy Center (YAC) to bring YAC's "Getting Beyond the System" self-advocacy seminar for at-risk adolescents to New York Law School. The seminar, which meets weekly at NYLS, enrolls a select group of youths aged 16 to 21 who are aging out of the foster care system or are otherwise considered at-risk, and who apply to participate through their alternative schools or foster care agencies.

Two Abbey Center associates facilitated the inaugural seminar, using case studies and the Socratic method to help the adolescents identify negotiation strategies, broaden their thinking, and express themselves effectively, both verbally and in writing. By reading hypothetical

cases involving real-world social and professional situations, the young people learn to advocate for themselves in the job market; to identify and communicate their strengths; to set and achieve short-term and long-term goals; and to understand the needs of others including professors, supervisors, and businesses. The seminar culminates for each student in an informational interview with a professional in a career of his or her interest and a graduation ceremony at NYLS. The first group to complete the seminar at NYLS graduated on December 14, 2011.

The fall semester's course was taught by lead facilitator Jeremiah Rygus 2L, with Robin Axelman 2L co-facilitating. For spring 2012, Axelman is lead facilitator, with Deborah Wollenberg 2L co-facilitating.



Top: Adolescents in the Getting Beyond the System program show their certificates of achievement for completing a semester-long program in self-advocacy.

Bottom: Professor Carlin Meyer, Director of the Diane Abbey Law Center for Children and Families, congratulates graduates of the self-advocacy program.

Institute for Information Law & Policy

On September 9–12, 2011, the Institute for Information Law & Policy (IILP), in association with the Open Video Alliance, hosted the third annual Open Video Conference, a multi-day summit of leaders from business, academia, art, and activism coming together to explore the future of video and the open Web. With nearly 400 participants in attendance, this year's conference focused on delivering concrete action. In line with New York Law School's motto—"Learn law. Take action."—the event was structured around more than 30 working groups focused on producing tangible outputs, from policy initiatives, to software and hardware. The event also featured distinguished speakers such as then-Dean Richard A. Matasar, Internet Archive founder Brewster Kahle, and Public Knowledge founder Gigi Sohn.

The Open Video Conference touched on many of the issues important to the IILP and the broader NYLS community, such as civic participation, privacy, intellectual property, human rights, and free expression. Speakers throughout the event highlighted the important role that video has played in spurring change around the globe. As New York Law School Professor Beth Simone Noveck observed in her opening remarks, "[b]y bearing witness to the personal and the political, the tragic and the comic about the world in which we live, we stand to make it better. We are taking action here today to build a media future in which we are more empowered, enlightened, and connected than ever before."



Top: Open Video Conference keynote speakers Professor Beth Simone Noveck (IILP) (far left) and Gigi Sohn, Founder of Public Knowledge (far right), with IILP alum Dominic Mauro '10 and IILP Institute Manager Naomi Allen.



Bottom: IILP Associate Katie Baxter 2L (far left) led a session on creating an alternative copyright education.

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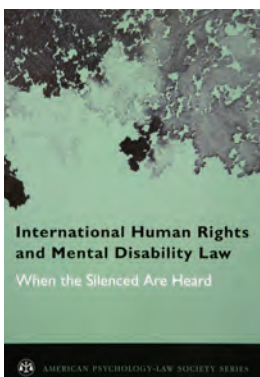
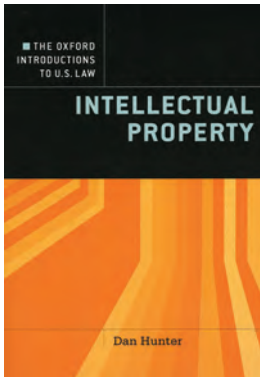
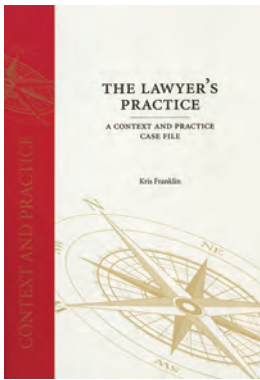
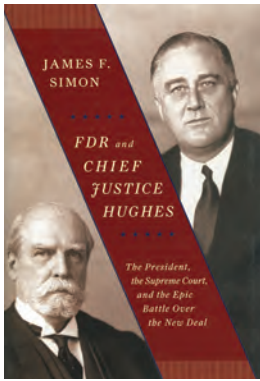
The Mendik Library's Award-Winning App

Mendik Mobile, the Mendik Library's mobile application, has been named a recipient of the Excellence in Marketing Award, Best Use of Technology, by the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). The free app gives users access to some of the Library's key services:

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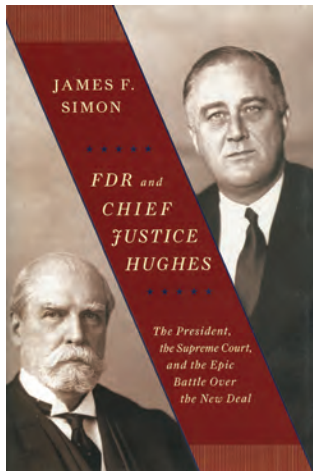
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Other Recent Books by Faculty

President vs. Chief Justice: Dean Emeritus James F. Simon Examines a Historic Power Struggle

By James Hellegaard



If you don't know the impact Charles Evans Hughes made on history, acclaimed author James F. Simon hopes to enlighten you.

Though he served as Chief Justice of the United States from 1930 to 1941, Hughes is “not very well known outside of those who are studying constitutional history in some depth,” says Simon, who is Martin Professor of Law Emeritus and Dean Emeritus at New York Law School. “And yet, he has the most impressive résumé of any chief justice, with the exception of John Marshall, in our history.”

In his latest book, *FDR and Chief Justice Hughes: The President, the Supreme Court, and the Epic Battle Over the New Deal* (Simon & Schuster, 2012), Dean Simon tells the often-overlooked story of the man who stood up to one of the most popular presidents in U.S. history.

Based on his résumé, Hughes very well could have become president himself. He was a brilliant lawyer and a reform-minded governor of New York. As an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court from 1910 to 1916, Hughes, along with Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., represented the liberal wing of the Court. He later served as U.S. Secretary of State in the early 1920s. Hughes also lectured at New York Law School with Woodrow Wilson, who would later narrowly defeat him in the presidential race of 1916.

While Hughes's relatively humble upbringing contrasts starkly with the gilded splendor Roosevelt experienced in Hyde Park, Dean Simon observes, there were interesting parallels. Both were New Yorkers, both were lawyers, and both were governors who believed in state regulation. Both were also civil libertarians. When Roosevelt was preparing to take the oath of office from Hughes, the two men exchanged letters expressing their mutual respect and admiration.

As Chief Justice, however, Hughes was confronted with a very polarized Court—not unlike the one today—in which there were four ideological conservatives and three liberals. Hughes and his fellow Hoover appointee, Owen Roberts, held the center and the balance of power on the Court.

In a series of decisions beginning in May 1935, the Supreme Court struck down key pieces of New Deal legislation. After his landslide reelection in 1936, Roosevelt, frustrated with the Court undermining what he considered his popular mandate, devised a plan to allow him to appoint one additional justice for every member over the age of 70, with the stated purpose of easing the heavy workload facing the justices.

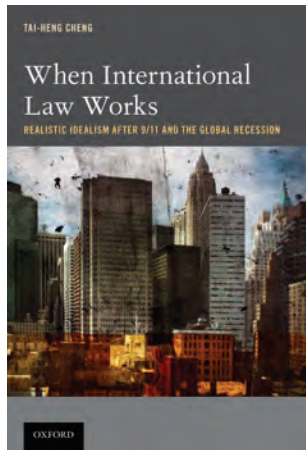
In a letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee, Hughes made it clear that the justices were “not behind on their work, they were working very vigorously, thank you very much, and they didn't need Roosevelt's court-packing plan,” Dean Simon explains. After Congress soundly rejected the plan, Roosevelt, in grudging admiration, said that Hughes was the best politician in the country.

While this would mark a dramatic climax in their clash, the two men came back to truly respecting one another, says Dean Simon. The Hughes Court upheld key pieces of the New Deal, and as conservative justices began to retire, Roosevelt succeeded in remaking the Court through the appointment of five justices within three years.

“Hughes was one of the most important chief justices in our history and probably was exactly the right kind of leader in the 1930s, who could play a pivotal role in trying to keep the Court together and really usher in the modern constitutional era,” Dean Simon concludes. “He led the Court in expanding civil rights and liberties and gradually extricated them from the role of overseeing economic and social legislation.” ■

Other Recent Books by Faculty

By LaToya Jordan and Andrea Juncos



When International Law Works: Realistic Idealism After 9/11 and the Global Recession

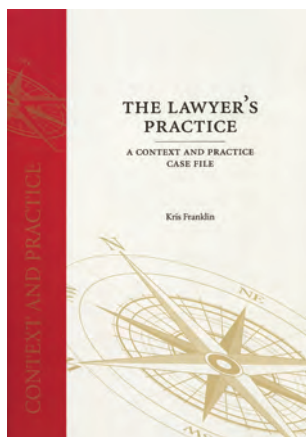
By Professor Tai-Heng Cheng



Is international law really law? Although this is a popular question debated in the international legal field, Professor Tai-Heng Cheng, an expert on international law, believes scholars need to move past the debate and focus on reasons for complying with or deviating from international laws and norms. In his book, *When International Law Works: Realistic Idealism After 9/11 and the Global Recession* (Oxford University Press, 2011), Professor Cheng presents the benefits and shortcomings of international law and shows how it is possible for decision makers to take international law and its limitations seriously.

“Extreme foreign policies of the Bush administration, some of which have continued under the Obama administration, such as the use of drones, have provoked a debate among scholars and policy makers about whether international law is really law,” says Professor Cheng. “These debates are unproductive. To break the deadlock, my book inverts the debate to ask instead what decision makers should do about international law, whether or not it is law. There are good reasons for obeying international law, and for disobeying it in some circumstances. I examined these reasons to create a framework of analysis that helps decision makers address current international legal issues, such as jihadist terrorism and global financial instability.”

Professor Cheng has been co-director of the School’s Institute for Global Law, Justice, & Policy, housed within the Center for International Law, and has authored approximately 40 articles and essays on international law, international dispute resolution, and international investment law. He has been a visiting professor at Vanderbilt Law School and the City University of Hong Kong School of Law.



The Lawyer's Practice: A Context and Practice Case File

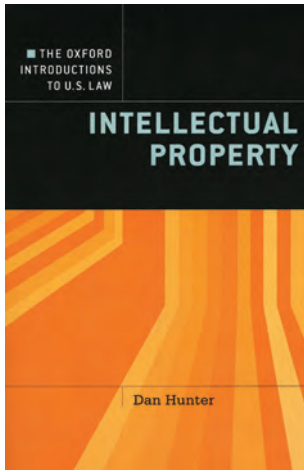
By Professor Kris Franklin



In addition to mastering legal theory, it’s important for law students to learn how to be lawyers by gaining practical experience. Professor Kris Franklin’s new book, *The Lawyer’s Practice: A Context and Practice Case File* (Carolina Academic Press, 2011), provides students with attorney role-play materials that they can use in learning the primary skills needed for legal practice. Through a realistic and carefully-sequenced series of exercises, students represent clients on both sides of a fictional lawsuit and run through many basic skills of legal practice: research, formal and informal legal writing, interviewing and counseling clients, fact development, discovery, motion practice, negotiation, and drafting.

“Law students can learn so much from doing complex legal work in role and functioning as attorneys,” says Professor Franklin. “I have designed a set of materials that create a rich set of factual and legal settings for students to navigate. The text provides commentary, suggestions, and questions to guide students in doing professional work, while encouraging them to approach every task critically and thoughtfully. I’ve been so excited to hear that professors who have already used the book report that their students come away with a much clearer understanding of what lawyers do and how to do it well, all while becoming more enthusiastic and engaged in their work.”

Professor Franklin is an expert in legal pedagogy and experiential learning in law school, and she directs the Law School’s Academic Skills Program. Her book is part of the *Context and Practice* casebook series, which prepares students for law practice.



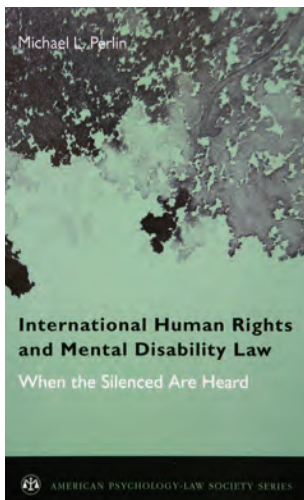
The Oxford Introductions to U.S. Law: Intellectual Property
By Professor Dan Hunter



Intellectual property has contributed greatly to the innovations our society needs so we can live in a modern world. Along with understanding the central areas of IP law—copyright, patent, trademark, and trade secrets—law students and lawyers interested in IP law also need a grasp of the politics, economics, psychology, and issues of possession and control that interplay with and influence this area of law. Professor Dan Hunter’s book, *The Oxford Introductions to U.S. Law: Intellectual Property* (Oxford University Press, 2011), provides an overview of current IP laws and their history, and illustrates how progress and innovation are linked to IP law.

“When I was asked to write this book, I looked at all the other books on the market and saw that they explained intellectual property laws but didn’t talk about how these laws came about and why,” says Professor Hunter. “I thought this was a terrible oversight—intellectual property is all about the way that culture and innovation work in society, which is an incredibly important policy question. In this book, I tried to capture what I teach in classes at NYLS: that the history and politics behind the law matter as much as the actual laws; and we should know what is at stake when we grant rights in ideas and information and expression.”

Professor Hunter directs the School’s Institute for Information Law & Policy. He regularly publishes on issues dealing with the intersection of computers and law, including the regulation of virtual worlds, the use of artificial intelligence in law, and high-technology aspects of intellectual property.




International Human Rights and Mental Disability Law: When the Silenced Are Heard
By Professor Michael L. Perlin



People with mental disabilities live in some of the harshest conditions that exist in any society. These conditions are the product of neglect, lack of legal protection against improper and abusive treatment, and social attitudes that demean, trivialize, and ignore the humanity of persons with disabilities. Professor Michael L. Perlin’s new book, *International Human Rights and Mental Disability Law: When the Silenced Are Heard* (Oxford University Press, 2011), draws attention to these issues in order to shed light on deplorable conditions that governments continue to ignore, and to invigorate the debate on a social policy issue that remains a low priority for most of the world’s nations.

“Appropriately, our society has turned its attention in recent years to the ways that racial, religious, ethnic, and gender minorities are often mistreated, both in institutions and in the community,” says Professor Perlin. “But we’ve ignored the oppressive conditions in which individuals with disabilities are treated worldwide. I’ve written this book to call attention to this reality, hoping that the voices of this marginalized and disenfranchised population will, finally, be heard. The reality that the public is totally unaware of these atrocities is, in many ways, as troubling as the atrocities themselves.”

Professor Perlin directs the Law School’s International Mental Disability Law Reform Project and its Online Mental Disability Law Program. Previously, he spent eight years as director of the New Jersey Division of Mental Health Advocacy. 

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[Michael Botein]



[Frank A. Bress]

Full-Time Faculty Activities

Compiled by Melissa Scalzo

The following items represent a sampling of the activities of our full-time faculty from the fall 2011 semester.

Deborah N. Archer

Media References and Appearances

Southern District Taps Law Students for Role in Court Mediation Program, *NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL* (September 2011).

Projects

With the NYLS Racial Justice Project, filed an *amicus curiae* brief in *Shelby County v. Holder*, a challenge to the constitutionality of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965; in May 2012, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit issued its opinion, upholding Section 5 (December 2011).

Leni B. Benson

Media References and Appearances

Will Tables Turn on Strauss-Kahn's Accuser?, *REUTERS* (syndicated in the *HUFFINGTON POST* and other news sources) (July 2011).

Does the U.S. Still Want to Be a Nation of Immigrants?, *CARE2* (July 2011).

A Welcome Mat? Not Always, *THE NEW YORK TIMES* (July 2011).

Robert Blecker

Scholarly Presentations

Panelist, Death Penalty Forum hosted by the National Action Network's Political Action Committee, New York (December 2011).

Publications

The Pack that Cried "Wolf," *DAILY REPORT* (December 16, 2011).

Letter to the editor (in response to "Lifelong Death Sentences," by Adam Liptak), *THE NEW YORK TIMES* (November 7, 2011).

Why Joshua Komisarjevsky Must Die (Op Ed), *HARTFORD COURANT* (October 25, 2011).

LET THE GREAT AXE FALL (Kindle Single) (Amazon Digital Services, October 2011).

Media References and Appearances

Capital Punishment, *CBS NEWS* (December 2011).

Capital Punishment Slowly Loses Ground in U.S., *THE TIMES OF INDIA* (November 2011).

Should the U.K. Restore the Death Penalty?, *MSN NEWS* (October 2011).

Entscheidend ist die Grausamkeit, *DER STANDARD* (September 2011).

Lloyd Bonfield

Scholarly Presentations

Hosted the Secretary-General of the United Nations, His Excellency Ban Ki-moon, at the 2011–12 Otto L. Walter Lecture "The United Nations and the Rule of Law," presented by the Center for International Law, New York Law School (October 2011).

"Where to Find Women in English Courts 1450–1750," presented at the "Women's Legal History: A Global Perspective" symposium at Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago (October 2011).

Publications

DEVISING, DYING, AND DISPUTE: PROBATE LITIGATION IN EARLY MODERN ENGLAND (Ashgate, forthcoming 2012).

The Foreign Affairs' Power of the European Union: All Hat and No Cattle? 20 *TULANE JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW* 123 (Winter 2011); the paper was presented to a symposium at Tulane Law School commemorating "The European Union 20 Years after Maastricht—Transatlantic Perspectives" in March 2011.

Michael Botein

Appointments

Received a Fulbright fellowship to teach Communications Law and Telecommunications Law at Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine, and to advise on redrafting Ukraine's electronic media statutes (2012).

Publications

Letter to the editor (in response to "China TV Grows Racy, and Gets a Chaperon," by Edward Wong), *THE NEW YORK TIMES* (January 6, 2012).

Frank A. Bress

Media References and Appearances

Could Strauss-Kahn's NY Case Include Paris Claim?, *ASSOCIATED PRESS* (July 2011).



[Heidi K. Brown]



[Elizabeth Chambliss]



[Tai-Heng Cheng]



[Richard H. Chused]

Heidi K. Brown

Scholarly Presentations

Delivered a CLE presentation on engaging and managing expert witnesses in civil litigation for Thomson Reuters (Westlaw), Eagan, Minnesota (September 2011).

Publications

The “Silent but Gifted” Law Student: Developing Law School Support Programs to Transform Anxious Public Speakers into Well-Rounded Advocates, *THE JOURNAL OF THE LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE* (forthcoming).

Projects

Received a grant from the Legal Writing Institute and Lexis for research and writing on “Increasing Our Emotional Intelligence in the Law School Classroom: Strategies for Engaging, Motivating, and Coaching the Facebook Generation of Law Students” (Summer 2011).

Elizabeth Chambliss

Scholarly Presentations

“Two Questions for Law Schools about the Future Boundaries of the Legal Profession,” presented at a faculty workshop, New York Law School (October 2011).

“The Implications of Organizational Alliances by U.S. Law Schools,” presented at the Globalization & the Legal Profession Colloquium sponsored by Fordham Law School, New York (October 2011).

Publications

IILP REVIEW 2011: THE STATE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION (Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession, 2011) (Editor).

Media References and Appearances

Diversity Efforts Realize Modest Results, *Institute Finds*, *THE NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL* (September 2011).

Tai-Heng Cheng

Appointments

Executive Committee, Institute for Transnational Arbitration (2011).

Chair of the Awards Committee, American Society of International Law (2011).

Scholarly Presentations

“Introduction to International Economic Law,” an online CLE presentation for the American Society of International Law (October 2011).

“Legal Advisors and Waterboarding,” presented at the University of Mississippi School of Law, Oxford, Mississippi (October 2011).

“Finality and Justice in ICSID Arbitration,” presented at the New York University Investment Law Forum, sponsored by NYU School of Law’s Institute for International Law and Justice, New York (September 2011).

“The Law of Military Force in a Time of Revolutions,” presented at the National University of Singapore’s Center for International Law, Singapore (July 2011).

Publications

WHEN INTERNATIONAL LAW WORKS: REALISTIC IDEALISM AFTER 9/11 AND THE GLOBAL RECESSION (Oxford University Press, 2011).

Making International Law Without Agreeing What It Is, 10 *WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY GLOBAL STUDIES LAW REVIEW* 1 (2011).

Developing Narratives in International Investment Law, 9 *SANTA CLARA JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW* 215 (2011).

Positivism, New Haven Jurisprudence, and the Fragmentation of International Law, *chapter in* NEW DIRECTIONS IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW—IN MEMORIAM THOMAS WÄLDE (T. Weiler & F. Baetens, eds., Brill, August 2011).

Media References and Appearances

Singaporeans Deny Conspiring Against U.S. in Technology Exports, *BLOOMBERG BUSINESSWEEK* (December 2011).

Richard H. Chused

Scholarly Presentations

“Rights, Obligations, and Property Law,” the featured lecture of the Distinguished Gifford Lectureship in Real Property, delivered at the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa William S. Richardson School of Law, Honolulu (November 2011).



[David M. Epstein]



[Ronald H. Filler]



[Aderson Bellegarde François]



[Kris Franklin]



[Doni Gewirtzman]

Publications

Mt. Laurel: Hindsight Is 20-20, 63 RUTGERS LAW REVIEW 813 (2011).

Courts and Temperance “Ladies,” *chapter* in FEMINIST LEGAL HISTORY (T.A. Thomas & T.J. Boisseau, eds., NYU Press, 2011).

Media References and Appearances

Ancient Law... New Application for Digital Intellectual Property, Hawaii Public Radio’s THE CONVERSATION (November 2011).

David M. Epstein

Scholarly Presentations

“Teaching Skills to First-Year Students” workshop presented at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) 2011 Annual Conference, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina (July 2011).

Publications

NEW YORK EVIDENCE COURTROOM MANUAL, 2012 EDITION (Matthew Bender, November 2011) (with G. Weissenberger).

Ronald H. Filler

Appointments

Member, Risk Advisory Committee, New York Portfolio Clearing (2011).

Member, Special Committee on Swap Governance, National Futures Association (2011).

Scholarly Presentations

Panelist, “Meeting Cross-Border Requirements: Understanding Changing International Regulations and Ensuring Cross-Border Compliance,” at the American Conference Institute’s Fifth National Forum on Energy Trading

Compliance and Regulatory Enforcement, Washington, D.C. (November 2011).

“Post Dodd-Frank Act Issues,” presented at the International Quality and Productivity Center’s program on over-the-counter derivatives, New York (October 2011).

Panelist, “Role of the Clearing Broker,” at STRUCTURED CREDIT INVESTOR’S (SCI) Second Annual Conference on Credit Default Swaps, New York (October 2011).

Hosted a reception for NYLS alumni working in the financial services industry, New York (October 2011).

“Impact of the Dodd-Frank Act on CDS Transactions,” presented at the Risk Management Institute on Derivative Clearing Organizations, New York (September 2011).

“Post Dodd-Frank Act Issues,” presented at the New York State Bar Association Business Law Committee’s Fall Meeting, Cooperstown, New York (September 2011).

Speaker, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) Roundtable for International Regulators, Chicago (Fall 2010).

Publications

Ask the Professor: “OMG! What Did MF Global Do?” 31 FUTURES & DERIVATIVES LAW REPORT 1 (November 2011).

Media References and Appearances

Discussed/quoted on the bankruptcy of MF Global in numerous media outlets, including REUTERS, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, CANADIAN BROADCAST CORPORATION (CBC) TV, CRAIN’S NEW YORK BUSINESS, and THE SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE (November–December 2011).

Projects

Took NYLS students on a tour of the trading floor of the New York Mercantile Exchange (September 2011).

Aderson Bellegarde François

Projects

With the NYLS Racial Justice Project, filed an *amicus curiae* brief in *Shelby County v. Holder*, a challenge to the constitutionality of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965; in May 2012, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit issued its opinion, upholding Section 5 (December 2011).

Kris Franklin

Publications

THE LAWYER’S PRACTICE: A CONTEXT AND PRACTICE CASE FILE (Carolina Academic Press, July 2011).

Understanding Socratic Dialogue—Student Teaching Day; Teaching Issue-Spotting—A “Questions Only” Game; and Constructing Visual Tools: Group Graphic Analysis Project, in TECHNIQUES FOR TEACHING LAW 2 (G.F. Hess et al., eds., Carolina Academic Press, 2011).

Projects

Featured trainer at the National Conference for Academic Support Professionals and for the New York University School of Law lawyering faculty (Summer 2011).

Doni Gewirtzman

Scholarly Presentations

Panelist, “Lower Court Constitutionalism,” at Loyola University Chicago School of Law’s Constitutional Law Colloquium, Chicago (October 2011).



[Brandt Goldstein]



[Marcey L. Grigsby '06]



[James Grimmelmann]



[Jeffrey J. Haas]



[Dan Hunter]



[Randolph N. Jonakait]



[Gerald Korngold]

Publications

Lower Court Constitutionalism: Circuit Court Discretion in a Complex Adaptive System, 61 AMERICAN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 457 (forthcoming, 2012).

Brandt Goldstein

Publications

Invoking Hitler's Name: A User's Guide, THE HUFFINGTON POST (November 11, 2011).

Marcey L. Grigsby '06

Media References and Appearances

Faculty Diversity Leads to More Diverse Student Leadership, THE NATIONAL JURIST (January 2012).

Studies Find That Faculty Diversity Impacts Law Review Memberships, JD JOURNAL (November 2011).

Faculty Diversity Means Gains for Female Law Students, According to Study, THE NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL (November 2011).

Law Review Membership Is Tied to Faculty Gender Imbalance, THOMSON REUTERS (November 2011).

Projects

Directed students in conducting the Law Review Diversity Survey, which reported on gender and minority representation in law review membership and leadership positions nationwide and received coverage in the legal news media (2011).

James Grimmelmann

Scholarly Presentations

Panelist, "Anarchy, Status Updates, and Utopia," at the "Governance of Social Media" workshop at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. (November 2011).

"A Bridge Too Far? The Google Books Settlement, Future-Conduct Claims, and the Limits of Class-Action Law," presented at Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee, and at Elon University School of Law, Greensboro, North Carolina (October 2011).

"Technological Textualism," presented at the RUTGERS COMPUTER AND TECHNOLOGY LAW JOURNAL 30th Anniversary Symposium, Newark, New Jersey (October 2011).

Panelist, "The Google Review: Regulation of Search Results and More," presented by the Federalist Society, Washington, D.C. (September 2011).

Panelist, "Friends Don't Let Friends Steal Intellectual Property—Brand Protection in Social Media," New York County Lawyers' Association, New York (September 2011).

"A Bridge Too Far: Google Books, Future-Conduct Releases, and the Limits of Class-Action Settlements," presented at the IP Scholars Conference, DePaul University College of Law, Chicago (August 2011).

Publications

Owning the Stack: The Legal War to Control the Smartphone Platform, ARS TECHNICA (September 11, 2011).

The Elephantine Google Books Settlement, 58 JOURNAL OF THE COPYRIGHT SOCIETY OF THE U.S.A. 497 (2011).

INTERNET LAW: CASES AND PROBLEMS (Semaphor Press, 2011).

Jeffrey J. Haas

Media References and Appearances

Could News Corp.'s Board Fire Rupert Murdoch?, ADWEEK (July 2011).

Dan Hunter

Publications

THE OXFORD INTRODUCTIONS TO U.S. LAW: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (Oxford University Press, 2011).

Media References and Appearances

Powerful Lessons from Playing Games, KNOWLEDGE@WHARTON TODAY (August 2011).

Randolph N. Jonakait

Scholarly Presentations

Panelist, "Bryant v. Crawford and Davis," at the "Crawford and Beyond III: Confrontation Clause Limitations on the Admissibility of Testimonial Hearsay Become 'Curiouser and Curiouser.' The End of the Beginning or the Beginning of the End?" JOURNAL OF LAW & POLICY symposium at Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn (November 2011).

Gerald Korngold

Scholarly Presentations

"Private Conservation Easements: Benefits and Challenges," presented at the 31st Annual National Conference of State Tax Judges, sponsored by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Cambridge, Massachusetts (September 2011).

Publications

Real Estate Brokers Are Not "Fiduciaries": A Call for Developing a New Legal Framework, 40 REAL ESTATE LAW JOURNAL 376 (Winter 2011).

Globalizing Conservation Easements: Private Law Approaches for International Environmental Protection, 28 WISCONSIN INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL 585 (2011).



[Molly Land]



[William P. LaPiana]



[Arthur S. Leonard]



[Jethro K. Lieberman]



[Richard D. Marsico]

Molly Land

Scholarly Presentations

Panelist, event celebrating HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY: MAPPING THE GLOBAL INTERFACE, by Laurence Helfer and Graeme Austin, Duke University School of Law, Durham, North Carolina (October 2011).

Panelist, "Intellectual Property Law in National Politics and International Relations Roundtable," at International Law Weekend (the 90th Annual Meeting of the American Branch of the International Law Association), New York (October 2011).

Workshop leader, Silicon Valley Human Rights Conference, San Francisco (October 2011).

William P. LaPiana

Appointments

Member, New York City Bar Association's Committee on Trusts, Estates, and Surrogate's Courts (2011).

Scholarly Presentations

"The New York Marriage Equality Act: Estate & Tax Planning," an online CLE course for Lawline.com (November 2011).

Panelist, "Marriage Equality in New York: The New Legal Landscape for Same-Sex Couples," a CLE program sponsored by the New York City Bar Association, New York (November 2011).

"New York Update: Same-Sex Marriage and Disclaimers," presented at the Ninth Annual Sophisticated Trusts & Estates Law Institute sponsored by the New York State Bar Association, New York (November 2011).

"The Emergence of the Spouse as Heir: Inheritance Law Reform in 19th-Century New York," presented as part of the "Generation to Generation: Inheritance Law Transition in the Long 19th Century" session at the 36th Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Boston (November 2011).

Moderator, "Tax Issues Faced by Alternative Families... a Mystery of Clues!" at the ABA Section of Family Law Fall CLE Conference, Las Vegas (October 2011).

Panelist, "Top Ten Common Ethical Issues Faced by New York State Trusts and Estates Practitioners," at Calvary Hospital's Eighth Annual Trusts and Estates Conference, New York (September 2011).

Publications

DRAFTING NEW YORK WILLS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS, Fourth Ed. (Matthew Bender, 2011) (with I.M. Bloom).

New York's Marriage Equality Act and Its Impact on Estate Planning for Same-Sex Couples, an "Estate Practice and Elder Law Commentary" that is part of the "Emerging Issues Analysis" series published by LexisNexis (August 2011).

Media References and Appearances

How to Cut State Death Taxes—Without Moving, FORBES (July 2011).

Arthur S. Leonard

Scholarly Presentations

Moderator and Panelist, "Legally Married: Everything You've Wanted to Know about Marriage but Were Afraid to Ask," sponsored by Congregation Beit Simchat Torah, New York (July 2011).

Media References and Appearances

Mass. Inmate: Appeals Ruling Supports Sex Change, ASSOCIATED PRESS (August 2011).

Court Rules Against Ban on Inmates' Hormone Treatment, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL Law Blog (August 2011).

DOJ Files Motion to Reinstate DADT, FRONTIERSLA.COM (July 2011).

Justice Department Shifts Policy on Same-Sex Bankruptcies, THOMSON REUTERS NEWS & INSIGHT (July 2011).

Gay Marriage: The Coming Clash of Civil and Religious Liberties, TIME magazine (July 2011).

Discussed recent developments in litigation concerning the Defense of Marriage Act and the Don't Ask Don't Tell military policy on KCBS Radio, San Francisco, and THE MICHELANGELO SIGNORILE SHOW on Sirius Radio (July 2011).

Projects

As editor of LESBIAN/GAY LAW NOTES for more than 30 years, began participating in a monthly podcast discussing significant developments in LGBT law, produced by the LGBT Law Association; the inaugural podcast featured an interview with Brad Snyder, Executive Director of LeGal, the LGBT Bar Association of Greater New York (September 2011).

Jethro K. Lieberman

Publications

BUSINESS LAW AND THE LEGAL ENVIRONMENT (Flat World Knowledge, 2011) (with D. Mayer, D. Warner, & G. Siedel).

THE CUMULATIVE SUPPLEMENT, SECOND SERIES 2008–2011, the latest supplement to his 1999 book A PRACTICAL COMPANION TO THE CONSTITUTION (Dialogue Press, 2011).

Richard D. Marsico

Scholarly Presentations

"Thoughts about the Potential Impact on Subprime and Predatory Lending of the Dodd-Frank Amendments to the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act," presented at the "Ongoing Implementation of the Dodd-Frank Act: Consumer Protection and Other Goals" Fall 2011 Symposium of the UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA JOURNAL OF BUSINESS LAW, Philadelphia (November 2011).



[Frank W. Munger]



[Beth Simone Noveck]



[Michael L. Perlin]



[Sadiq Reza]



[Rebecca Roiphe]

Frank W. Munger

Scholarly Presentations

“Trafficking in Law: Rethinking the Relationship Between Globalization of Law and Local Human Rights in Thailand,” presented at the “Localizing Global Justice: Rethinking Law and Human Rights in Southeast Asia” conference sponsored by Columbia University’s Weatherhead East Asian Institute, New York (November 2011).

Projects

Co-organizer of the Reflective Practitioner Project, which examines the role of public interest practitioners across Asia, including Myanmar, China, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines, India, and Bangladesh; based on first-hand narratives and scholarship, the project is developing a comparative and empirical perspective on the conditions and prospects for challenging state authority on behalf of social causes and human rights (2011).

Beth Simone Noveck

Appointments

Public Member, Administrative Conference of the United States (August 2011).

Media References and Appearances

Thirteen Influential Women in Technology, THE HUFFINGTON POST (July 2011).

Michael L. Perlin

Scholarly Presentations

“Online Mental Disability Law Education, a Disability Rights Tribunal, and the Creation of an Asian Disability Law Database: Their Impact on Research, Training, and Teaching of Criminology and Criminal Justice in Asia,” presented at the annual meeting of the Asian Criminological Society, co-sponsored by National Taipei University, Taipei, Taiwan (December 2011).

“Understanding the Intersection between International Human Rights and Mental Disability Law: The Role of Dignity,” presented at the 18th Annual Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies (HDHS)

Conference: 2011 Workshop on Transforming Humiliation and Violent Conflict, where he also received the HDHS Beacon Award, New York (December 2011).

“‘There Must Be Some Way Out of Here’: Why the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Is Potentially the Best Weapon in the Fight Against Sanism in Forensic Facilities,” presented at the University of Pennsylvania’s Practical Applications in Forensic Psychiatry Grand Rounds Seminar, Philadelphia (December 2011).

“Legal Perspectives on Violence: The Significance and Implications of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,” presented at the Seventh European Congress on Violence in Clinical Psychiatry, Prague, Czech Republic (October 2011).

“Therapeutic Jurisprudence and Forensic Mental Disability Law: Questions for Clinicians,” presented to a joint class of forensic psychiatry fellows of NYU Medical Center, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey; New York (September 2011).

“The Significance of the New U.N. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities for the Practice of Institutional Psychiatry,” presented at the World Psychiatric Association’s 15th World Congress of Psychiatry, Buenos Aires, Argentina (September 2011).

Presented “Promoting Social Change in East Asia: The U.N. Convention, the Movement to Create a Disability Rights Tribunal, and the Promise of International Online Distance Learning” and “The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Correctional Rights Litigation: New Directions for Lawyers and Expert Witnesses?” and moderated a panel on “Human Rights and Correctional Systems: Therapeutic Jurisprudence Reflections from Law and Psychology,” at

the 32nd Congress of the International Academy of Law and Mental Health, Humboldt University, Berlin (July 2011).

Publications

Submitted 22nd Annual Supplement to MENTAL DISABILITY LAW: CIVIL AND CRIMINAL, 2nd ed., and Volume 1 of the 3rd ed. (LexisNexis, forthcoming) (with H.E. Cucolo).

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND MENTAL DISABILITY LAW: WHEN THE SILENCED ARE HEARD (Oxford University Press, 2011).

“Abandoned Love”: The Impact of *Wyatt v. Stickney* on the Intersection between International Human Rights and Domestic Mental Disability Law, 35 LAW & PSYCHOLOGY REVIEW 121 (2011).

Considering Pathological Altruism in the Law from Therapeutic Jurisprudence and Neuroscience Perspectives, *Chapter 12* in PATHOLOGICAL ALTRUISM at 156–76 (B. Oakley, A. Knafo, G. Madhavan, D.S. Wilson, eds., Oxford University Press, 2011).

Media References and Appearances

Analysis of China’s Draft Mental Health Law—An Interview, CHINA LAW AND POLICY (October 2011).

NYLS Expands Mental Disability Law with Joint Degree, THE NATIONAL JURIST (October 2011).

Sadiq Reza

Scholarly Presentations

Conference organizer and speaker, “Sharia in America: Principles and Prospects,” a symposium sponsored by the NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW, the Center for International Law, and the Muslim Bar Association of New York, New York Law School (August 2011).

Rebecca Roiphe

Media References and Appearances

Roiphe Lays Out Case Against Lawyers’ Willful Ignorance, 25 CORPORATE CRIME REPORTER 32 (August 2011).



[Ross Sandler]



[David Schoenbrod]



[Houman B. Shadab]



[Richard K. Sherwin]



[James F. Simon]



[Peter J. Strauss]



[Nadine Strossen]

Ross Sandler

Appointments

Chairman of the Board of Directors, Sports & Arts in Schools Foundation, Woodside, New York (July 2011).

Media References and Appearances

Women Required to Sit at the Back of a Public Bus in Brooklyn, *THINK PROGRESS* (October 2011).

Wachtler Calls on Law Schools to Focus on Teaching New York Law, *NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL* (October 2011).

Owner of NYC Protest Park Navigates a Dilemma, *THE WALL STREET JOURNAL* (October 2011).

David Schoenbrod

Publications

The Regulatory Thicket, *CITY JOURNAL* Vol. 21, No. 4 (Fall 2011) (with I. Murray). Elected Lawmakers Accountable for the Laws—Gasp!, *THE HUFFINGTON POST* (December 5, 2011).

Statutory Arteriosclerosis, 28 *THE ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM* 24 (September/October 2011) (with M. Witte).

Media References and Appearances

Some Welcome House Rules, *THE WALL STREET JOURNAL* (December 2011).

House Passes Third Regulatory Reform Bill Under Veto Threat, *GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE* (December 2011).

Interviewed/quoted in *THE DYSLEXIC ADVANTAGE: UNLOCKING THE HIDDEN POTENTIAL OF THE DYSLEXIC BRAIN* (B.L. Eide & F. Eide, Hudson Street Press, 2011).

Projects

Continues to confer with Rep. Ed Whitfield (R-K.Y.), Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Energy and Power, and the Bipartisan Policy Institute on clean air legislation.

Houman B. Shadab

Scholarly Presentations

“Dodd-Frank and Regulatory Arbitrage,” presented at the “Ongoing Implementation of the Dodd-Frank Act: Consumer Protection and Other Goals” Fall 2011 Symposium of the *UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA JOURNAL OF BUSINESS LAW*, Philadelphia (November 2011).

Richard K. Sherwin

Scholarly Presentations

Organizer and presenter, “Visualizing Law in the Digital Age” symposium co-sponsored by New York Law School and the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York (October 2011).

“9/11: The Wild Image,” presented at “Visualizing 9/11: A Symposium Examining the Images of September 11, 2011,” sponsored and hosted by the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York (September 2011).

Publications

LAW, CULTURE AND VISUAL STUDIES (Springer, forthcoming) (editor, with A. Wagner).

Critical Visual Judgment Is Needed to Assess Court Evidence, *THE (Lebanon) DAILY STAR* (October 21, 2011).

The Digital Trial (Op Ed), *PROJECT SYNDICATE* (October 12, 2011); a version of this article subsequently appeared as

Knox’s Digitally Enhanced Conviction in *THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER* (October 14, 2011).

VISUALIZING LAW IN THE AGE OF THE DIGITAL BAROQUE: ARABESQUES & ENTANGLEMENTS (Routledge, 2011).

Media References and Appearances

Justice Can Never Truly Be Blind: Review of Richard Sherwin—*VISUALIZING LAW IN THE AGE OF THE DIGITAL BAROQUE: ARABESQUES AND ENTANGLEMENTS* (Routledge, 2011), 25 *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL FOR THE SEMIOTICS OF LAW* 157 (Published online December 2011) (March 2012).

Oxnard Business Specializes in the Art of Courtroom Visuals, *VENTURA COUNTY STAR* (September 2011).

James F. Simon

Publications

FDR AND CHIEF JUSTICE HUGHES: THE PRESIDENT, THE SUPREME COURT, AND THE EPIC BATTLE OVER THE NEW DEAL (Simon & Schuster, 2012).

Peter J. Strauss

Awards and Recognition

Named New York City “Best Lawyers” Elder Law Lawyer of the Year for 2012 (October 2011).

Publications

Happy 65th Birthday: What Now?, 83 *NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION JOURNAL* 52 (July/August 2011).

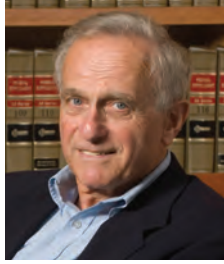
Nadine Strossen

Scholarly Presentations

“Why Libraries Are Not 7-Elevens,” keynote address at the King County



[Ruti G. Teitel]



[Frank Tuerkheimer]



[Mark Webbink]



[Erika L. Wood]

Library System's (KCLS) Board Retreat, Issaquah, Washington (October 2011).

"Civil Liberties 10 Years after the 9/11 Terrorist Attacks," keynote lecture at the annual Constitution Day celebration at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, Pomona, New Jersey (October 2011).

Panelist, "Free Speech Dialogues—A Panel Discussion on Inflammatory Speech," at the College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas, Austin (September 2011).

Participated in "Confronting Terror: 9/11 and the Future of American National Security," a debate with John Yoo moderated by Edwin Meese III, convened by the Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C. (televised on C-SPAN) (September 2011).

Delivered the Annual T.B. Davie Academic Freedom Lecture, titled "Post-9/11 Threats to Academic Freedom," at the University of Cape Town, South Africa (August 2011).

"Shutting the Courthouse Doors," a seminar presented to the Public Law Faculty at the University of Cape Town, South Africa (August 2011).

Publications

Defending the F-Word!, *Chapter 3* in *OBSCEINITY AND THE LIMITS OF LIBERALISM* at 25–49 (Ohio State University Press, 2011) (L. Glass & C.F. Williams, eds.).

"E-Harvard.400," essay in "Harvard at 400: Visions of the University in 2036" in the special "Harvard @375" issue of *HARVARD MAGAZINE* (September–October 2011) (with E.M. Noam).

Problematic Post-9/11 Judicial Inactivism: Immunizing Executive Branch Overreaching, *chapter in CONFRONTING TERROR: 9/11 AND THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN NATIONAL SECURITY* (D. Reuter & J. Yoo, eds., Encounter Books, 2011).

Media References and Appearances

"Civil Liberties after 9/11," interview on *THE LEONARD LOPATE SHOW*, WNYC Radio (September 2011).

Ruti G. Teitel

Appointments

Affiliated Visiting Faculty Member and Advisory Board Member, Minerva Center Transitional Justice Program, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (September 2011).

Scholarly Presentations

Panelist, "Theoretical Inquiry into Human Rights Law," at the 17th Annual Herbert Rubin and Justice Rose Luttan Rubin International Law Symposium "From Rights to Reality: Beth Simmons's *MOBILIZING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS* and Its Intersection with International Law," at New York University Law School, New York (October 2011).

Panelist, "The Validity of Human Rights: Conflict, Judgment, and Political Context" at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle (September 2011).

Participant, academic workshop on *Jus Post Bellum* and Transnational Law at Vanderbilt Law School, Nashville, Tennessee (August 2011).

Publications

Ruti Teitel Responds to Shana Tabak, *OPINIO JURIS* (December 9, 2011).

Operation Actual Justice (Op Ed), *PROJECT SYNDICATE* (November 1, 2011).

HUMANITY'S LAW (Oxford University Press, 2011); a book launch event was held at the Book Culture store, New York (October 2011).

Judgment on Trial in Cairo, *OPINIO JURIS* (August 4, 2011).

Media References and Appearances

Books of the Year 2011: Geoffrey Robertson, *NEWSTATESMAN* (November 2011).

HUMANITY'S LAW featured in *INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE IN THE NEWS*, International Center for Ethics, Justice, and Public Life, Brandeis University (November 2011).

A week of blogging on *OPINIO JURIS* was devoted to coverage of *HUMANITY'S LAW* (October 2011).

Frank Tuerkheimer

Scholarly Presentations

Panelist, "Lessons Yet to Be Learned," at the "Perspectives on Genocide: The Adolf Eichmann Trial—Looking Back 50 Years Later" symposium sponsored by the Center for the Study of Law & Genocide at Loyola Law School, Los Angeles (September 2011).

Publications

How FDR Helped Save Jews of the Holy Land, *JEWISH DAILY FORWARD* (October 12, 2011) (with R.M. Morgenthau).

Testimonies and Legal Consultation

Presented evidence in a Huntsville, Alabama, courtroom as pro bono counsel for an indigent on Alabama's death row (October 2011).

Mark Webbink

Scholarly Presentations

"Peer to Patent: Collaborating to Improve Patent Quality," presented at the 2011 American Intellectual Property Law Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (October 2011).


Organized the Second Annual Prior Art Collaboration Conference, convened by New York Law School and Queensland University of Technology and hosted by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Alexandria, Virginia (October 2011).

Projects

Completed the second Peer to Patent pilot with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the first Peer to Patent pilot with the U.K. Intellectual Property Office (2011).

Erika L. Wood

Publications

Who Gets to Vote?, *THE NEW YORK TIMES* (November 7, 2011). 

Adjunct Faculty Activities

Compiled by Melissa Scalzo

The following items represent a sampling of the activities of our adjunct faculty from the fall 2011 semester.

Marc S. Bekerman

Scholarly Presentations

“Portability of Estate and Gift Tax Exemptions Under TRA 2010,” presented at the 37th Annual Notre Dame Tax & Estate Planning Institute, South Bend, Indiana (September 2011).

“An Overview of Income and Transfer Taxes for Estate Planners,” presented at the ABA Section of Real Property, Trust & Estate Law’s Skills Training for Estate Planners CLE program, New York Law School (July 2011).

Publications

Probability of Unused Exclusion Amounts Between Spouses, *chapter in* THE ABA PRACTICAL GUIDE TO ESTATE PLANNING (J.A. Soled, ed., American Bar Association, 2011).

Steven Bennett

Publications

Perspective: Should Lawyers Restrict Controversial Social Media Postings?, *THE PRIVACY ADVISOR*, December 2011, at 1 (December 1, 2011).

The U.S. Approach to Privacy in Litigation, 12 *SEDONA CONFERENCE JOURNAL* 173–88 (September 2011).

Rent-A-Center v. Jackson: Delegating to Arbitrator Power to Determine Arbitrability, *www.scotusblog.com* (September 2011).

Alternative Dispute Resolution in Bankruptcy, 27 *THE REVIEW OF BANKING & FINANCIAL SERVICES* 65 (June 2011).

R.B. Bernstein

Appointments

Elected to a second three-year term as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Society for Legal History (November 2011).

Adjunct Professor of Political Science in the Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP Honors Program in Legal Studies, City College of New York (CUNY) (2011).

Scholarly Presentations

“The Constitutional Legacy of Thomas Jefferson,” presented as the Constitution Day lecture at the University of Louisville, Kentucky (September 2011).

Publications

Thomas Jefferson and Constitutionalism, *Chapter 26 in* A COMPANION TO THOMAS JEFFERSON (F.D. Cogliano, ed., Wiley-Blackwell, 2011).

Was Jefferson a Jeffersonian? Some Declarations Show Otherwise, *THE WASHINGTON POST* (September 2011).

Anne Marie Bowler

Media References and Appearances

Skipping the Partner Track for a Shingle of One’s Own, *THE NEW YORK TIMES* (November 2011).

Judith Bresler ’74

Awards and Recognition

President’s Award for extraordinary service to the Appraisers Association of America (AAA) at its annual conference, New York (November 2011).

Scholarly Presentations

“Expert Opinions & Liabilities,” keynote presentation at Art Law Day, an annual conference hosted by the Appraisers Association of America and the New York University School of Continuing and Professional Studies, New York (November 2011).

Panelist, “Moral Rights: Abolish or Enhance? The Controversy Rages” at the New York County Lawyers’ Association’s Fourth Annual Art Litigation and Dispute Resolution Institute, New York (November 2011).

Panelist, “Behind the Scenes: A Dynamic Conversation with Leading Women in the Corporate Art World,” presented by the Professional Organization of Women in the Arts (POWArts) and the Appraisers Association of America, hosted by Bernstein Global Wealth Management, New York (September 2011).

Heather Cucolo ’03

Appointments

Acting Director, Online Mental Disability Law Program, New York Law School (2011).

Scholarly Presentations

“Sex Offender Recidivism and a Humanistic Approach to Reintegration into Society: A Therapeutic Jurisprudence Analysis,” presented at the 32nd Congress of the International Academy of Law and Mental Health, Humboldt University, Berlin (July 2011).

Publications

The Treatment of Sex Offenders: Evidence, Ethics, and Human Rights, 23 *SEXUAL ABUSE: A JOURNAL OF RESEARCH AND TREATMENT* 295 (with A. Birgden) (September 2011).

Lindsay A. Curcio

Scholarly Presentations

Panelist, “Stuck in the Vortex of Waivers—An Expert’s Guide Through the I-601 Galaxy” at the 14th Annual American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) New York Chapter Immigration Law Symposium, New York (December 2011).

Publications

Utilize Online Client Reviews to Increase Your Firm's Visibility, AILA IMMIGRATION PRACTICE NEWS, Vol. 3, Issue 1 (with S.J. Reich) at 3 (November 2011).

Projects

Performed in a radio re-creation of "Jane Serves on a Jury" from the Easy Aces radio program series, with the Those Were the Days Radio Players, at the 36th Annual Friends of Old-Time Radio Convention, Newark, New Jersey (October 2011).

Mark F. DeWan

Scholarly Presentations

Panelist, "Fulfilling Your Ethical Responsibilities: What All Young Attorneys Should Know," at the "Bridging the Gap: Transforming Preparation into Practice" conference sponsored by the New York State Bar Association Young Lawyers Section, New York (January 2012).

Lisa Fleischmann

Scholarly Presentations

"Habeas Corpus—Habeas Basics, Recent Supreme Court Holdings, and Suggestions for Bullet-Proofing Your Conviction from Federal Habeas Attack," presented at the New York Prosecutors Training Institute's Summer College for Prosecutors, Syracuse, New York (August 2011).

Publications

Insulating Your Convictions Against Federal Habeas Corpus Challenges, EMPIRE STATE PROSECUTOR (Fall 2011).

Richard I. Friedman

Scholarly Presentations

Gave CLE presentations on ethics and interviewing clients to the State of New Jersey, Office of the Public Defender, Bergen trial office; and to the Office of the Public Defender, Division of Mental Health and Guardianship Advocacy (2011).

Gave two presentations to the psychiatric residents, medical staff, and social service staff of Bergen Regional Medical Center: one on patients' rights (psychiatric patients) and the other on Krol and IST (incompetent to stand trial) cases, Paramus, New Jersey (2011).

James Hagy

Awards and Recognition

Awarded "Top-Rated Faculty" recognition by CoreNet Global Learning, an international trade association of corporate real estate executives, based on peer review ratings of multiple programs in 2011–12 (November 2011).

Scholarly Presentations

Planned and moderated the "Leasing Workshop for Not-for-Profit Organizations" as part of the ongoing programming offered by The Rooftops Project, New York Law School (September 2011).

Publications

Industrial Property Disaggregations: Planning the New Ownership Regime, 1 CORPORATE REAL ESTATE JOURNAL 356 (October 2011).

Hon. Diane Kiesel

Publications

SHE CAN BRING US HOME: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF DOROTHY BOULDING FEREBEE (Potomac Books, forthcoming 2013).

Paula Konikoff

Appointments

Chair, Appraisal Standards and Guidance Committee, Appraisal Institute (January 2012).

Kathryn LaFortune

Awards and Recognition

Received the Distinguished Professional Service Citation from the Oklahoma Psychological Association (November 2011).

Richard Landman '88

Awards and Recognition

Received an award for outstanding work and dedicated pro bono service in the New York State Courts Access to Justice Program at the "Celebrate Pro Bono" awards ceremony, sponsored by the Access to Justice Program, the New York County Lawyers' Association, the New York State Bar Association, and the NYC Mayor's Office, New York (November 2011).

Appointments

Appointed guardian *ad litem* for the elderly with housing issues, NYC Housing Court (2011).

Named Lead Clinic Attorney at the LeGaL Foundation's walk-in clinic at the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center and mentored New York University Law School students as part of the clinic, New York (2011).

Projects

Expanded Infotrue, his walking tour and speaking engagement company, to include educational walking tours for St. John's University and the American Planning Association, New York (2011).

Martin P. Levin '83

Publications

What Publishers Look for When They Buy a Company, PUBLISHING PERSPECTIVES, at <http://publishingperspectives.com/2011/10/publishers-buy-company/> (October 19, 2011).

Erin Lloyd

Projects

Opened the Law Office of Erin Lloyd, focused on civil law, New York (December 2011).

Paul Bennett Marrow '69

Appointments

Chairman of the Grievance Committee of the Westchester County (NY) Bar Association, an arm of the Grievance Committee for the Ninth Judicial District (October 2011).

John Meringolo '99

Testimonies and Legal Consultation

Following the earlier sentencing of Anthony Manzella in an S.D.N.Y. case, argued for concurrent sentencing for the defendant

in an E.D.N.Y. case; after oral argument, Hon. Eric Vitaliano granted the motion, resulting in a term of 108 months of incarceration (as opposed to the potential 156 months had the sentences not been ruled concurrent) (*United States v. Anthony Manzell, et al.*) (2011).

In a case against alleged Genovese crime family associate Frank DiMattina, argued in pretrial motions that the jury be precluded from hearing evidence of any organized crime, that photographs of the defendant's tattoos be suppressed, and that several statements the defendant made to the FBI be suppressed; Hon. Jack B. Weinstein granted all three motions (*United States v. Frank DiMattina*) (2011).

Represented the first firefighter to be charged under Leandra's Law in New York State in *People of the State of New York v. John McLean*; McLean, charged in a seven-count indictment, pled guilty after pretrial negotiations to one count and received a non-incarceration sentence (2011).

David T. Moldenhauer

Publications

FATCA and Fiscal Sovereignty, 132 TAX NOTES 528 (August 2011) and TAX NOTES INTERNATIONAL (September 2011).

Udi Ofer

Publications

Reporting on Student Suspensions Is the First Step, SCHOOL BOOK, at www.nytimes.com/schoolbook/2011/11/07/reporting-on-student-suspensions-is-the-first-step/ (November 7, 2011).

Russell J. Pinilis

Appointments

Member, IRS Taxpayer Advocacy Panel representing Montclair, New Jersey (January 2012).

Sherry Ramsey '98

Appointments

Appointed a member of the Domestic Companion Animal Council in New Jersey by Governor Chris Christie (2011).

Scholarly Presentations

"Handling and Prosecuting Animal Cruelty Cases," presented at the 2011 Criminal Justice Institute, Saint Paul, Minnesota (August 2011).

Spoke about family violence and the link to animal cruelty crimes at the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges 74th Annual Conference, New York (July 2011).

Luis Rodriguez Jr.

Appointments

Member, IRS Taxpayer Advocacy Panel representing Forest Hills, New York (January 2012).

David G. Samuels

Scholarly Presentations

"Nonprofit Compensation Issues," presented as part of the Practising Law Institute's "Financial and Reporting Issues for Nonprofit Organizations 2011" CLE seminar, New York (December 2011).

"UPMIFA and NYPMIFA Update," presented at the Foundation for Accounting Education's (FAE) Professional Issues Update Conference for the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants, New York (December 2011).

Presented the "Legal Update" at the McGladrey Annual Not-for-Profit Summit Series, New York (December 2011).

"NYPMIFA (New York Prudent Management of Institutional Fund Act)," presented at the FAE's Exempt Organizations Conference: "Facing New Challenges . . . Determining Next Steps," New York (November 2011).

"Compensation Issues," presented at "Building on the ABCS: Legal Issues for Operating Not-for-Profits," a CLE program sponsored by the New York City Bar Association (November 2011).

Richard J. Sobelsohn

Scholarly Presentations

"The Latest Developments in Sustainable Building Law Update" Webinar, presented at Cushman & Wakefield, Inc., New York (December 2011).

"The Legal Obstacles and Catalysts in Incorporating Renewable Energy Technologies in LEED-Certified Buildings," presented at the Second International Conference on Green & Sustainable Technology at the Center for Energy Research and Technology at North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro, North Carolina (November 2011).

"Sustainable Development for Healthcare Facilities," presented at the Second Annual Healthcare Development Conference, West Palm Beach, Florida (October 2011).


"Sustainable Building Law Update," presented at the U.S. Green Building Council's 2011 GreenBuild International Conference and Expo, Toronto (October 2011).

"Green Buildings and the Legal Environment in Which They Operate," presented at UGL Services – Equis Operations, New York (September 2011).

"Latest Trends and Insights Impacting Law Practice in a Turnaround Economy," presented at the New York City Bar Association (July 2011).

Michelle Zierler

Media References and Appearances

Anthony Lawyers Blast Cable News After Acquittal, ASSOCIATED PRESS (syndicated to dozens of newspapers and online news sources) (July 2011). 

alumni events

We are pleased to present a snapshot of some of the many alumni events that took place throughout the fall 2011 semester.

CAREER CONNECTIONS

Career Connections Events

In fall 2011, the Office of Development and Alumni Relations provided the New York Law School community with opportunities to hear from some of the School's most distinguished alumni through its Career Connections series. Each gathering had a diverse mix of speakers who discussed how the legal training they received at New York Law School prepared them for success in their careers, and what current students can do to develop their own careers.

On **September 13**, the Law School welcomed back alumni who serve in the insurance, financial services, and employment and labor law fields. Guest speakers included Gerald Gaeta '84, Corporate Vice President, National Field Operations Manager at New York Life; Charles C. Radcliffe '80, Managing Director at First Republic Securities Company, LLC; and A. Michael Weber '72, Senior Shareholder and Founder of the New York office of Littler Mendelson P.C.

In October, the School featured speakers at three separate Career Connections events. Marc A. Bender '00, Partner at Merlin Securities; F. Peter Phillips '87, a commercial arbitrator and mediator; and Errol B. Taylor '87, Partner at Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP, spoke on **October 11**. Alan Cohen '78, Partner, Nixon Peabody, LLC; Stephen Gassman '71, Founding Member of Gassman Baiamonte Betts, PC; and Jeremy Lawton Susac '01, President and Chief Executive Officer of Real Energy Strategies Group, did the honors on **October 18**. And Peter DiCecco '94, Senior Vice President, Business and Legal Affairs, Music, Disney/ABC Television Group, was the featured speaker on **October 27**.





August 17, 2011: First-Year Students Pizza Social

Then-Dean Richard A. Matasar and the New York Law School Alumni Association hosted the School's annual pizza and ice cream welcoming reception for first-year students at the Law School on August 17, 2011. This event provided an opportunity for incoming students to connect with the alumni in attendance, learn about the network of alumni who support New York Law School, and find out more about the extensive programming available to alumni through the Office of Development and Alumni Relations.



September 6, 2011: Paul Lewis Scholarship Information Session

On September 6, 2011, current 2L, 3L, and 4L students met with Paul Lewis '59 to learn about the application requirements for the newly-formed Paul Lewis Scholarship, which is awarded to up to five students per year. Each applicant submitted a 2,500-word paper on *The Vision of Ayn Rand* by Dr. Nathaniel Branden. Scholarship winners were chosen by an independent panel of faculty.



October 5, 2011: Financial Services Reception

Dean Matasar and Professor Ronald H. Filler, Director of the Center on Financial Services Law, hosted a cocktail reception on October 5, 2011 for the large group of alumni working in the financial services industry. The event, co-hosted by Susan L. Harper '02, Associate, Baritz & Coleman LLP; Garry Lischin '79, Managing Director and General Counsel, Pershing LLC; and Tim O'Neal Lorah '96, Managing Director, Morgan Stanley & Co. Inc., brought together alumni (many of whom are adjunct faculty in the LL.M. in Financial Services Law program) to network with each other, students, and faculty affiliated with the Center on Financial Services Law.



October 18, 2011: Mentor Match Pilot Program Breakfast

On October 18, 2011, the Offices of Career Services and Development and Alumni Relations held a breakfast to kick off the second year of New York Law School's Mentor Match Pilot Program, which matches students with alumni for a one-year mentorship. Guest speakers Jessica Wald 3L and Jillian Modzeleski '06 spoke about their experiences participating in the program in its first year. To find out more about becoming a mentor, please contact Travis S. Fraser, Assistant Vice President of Alumni Relations, at 212.431.2169 or travis.fraser@nyls.edu.



The NYLS Graduate Tax Program, Voted Number One in NYC for Two Years Running

By Christine Pakkala

For the second year, readers of the *New York Law Journal* have voted New York Law School's Graduate Tax Program number one in New York City. More recently, the program was also ranked third in the nation by *The National Law Journal*. Why all the accolades?

The answer, in part, is a stellar faculty.

"Not only do our professors bring their deep knowledge of their special areas of tax law to our students, but they also introduce our students to the emerging issues and concerns at the highest level of practice," says Professor Ann F. Thomas, Director of the Graduate Tax Program.

Students follow a core curriculum, enhanced by a concentration in one of seven areas, such as corporate tax, estate planning, and international tax. The required curriculum emphasizes mastery of tax law as well as critical skills, including tax research and writing, but professional judgment and ethical values are also emphasized.

"Every year we set aside a day to discuss the challenges of tax practice that go beyond technical tax knowledge," Professor Thomas says. "Professional responsibility in tax practice is every bit as important as technical knowledge."

Along with Professor Thomas, full-time faculty members include Professors Richard C.E. Beck, who is also a founding director; Diane L. Fahey; and William P. LaPiana, the Director of Estate Planning Studies for the Graduate Tax Program. In addition, tax and estate planning lawyers from some of the most esteemed New York City firms are invited to teach as adjunct faculty.

Professor Thomas notes that the LL.M. signals to potential employers that applicants have acquired a substantial amount of knowledge of tax law, a highly complex and ever-changing field.

"Whether it is Tax Procedure or Problems of Timing or Partnership Tax or Tax Research and Writing, subjects and issues are presented in an organized and coherent manner," she says. "Students have the opportunity to test out their ideas and understanding with their professors and with each other in the classroom." As a result, there are "fewer gaps in knowledge and the tax or estate lawyer's development and career can move at a faster pace."

Students come to the program with a great diversity of backgrounds and interests, Professor Thomas adds, and are "highly motivated and serious but at the same time very collegial.

"By the time students graduate, they have made friends whom they can turn to for the rest of their careers in tax law."

The following pages contain stories from some of the many successful alumni of the Graduate Tax Program.

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Serena Arrabito J.D. '96, LL.M. '05

When asked why she chose a career at the American Lung Association, Serena Arrabito quotes Emily Bissell, founder of the organization's Christmas Seals® program. "Though we take things as we find them, we can always leave them better."

As the Director of Planned Giving and Donor Relations in New York, Arrabito does just that. She uses the trusts and estates acumen she acquired in the LL.M. program along with networking skills to identify and engage potential donors.

"Relationship building is everything," Arrabito notes. "It's important to put a face to our organization so constituents know how much they are making a difference in our fight for clean air and healthy lungs."

Finding sponsors for fund-raising events like the annual Fight for Air Climb is also key. In 2012, "more than 300 participants, including 50 firefighters wearing turnout gear, climbed to the top of One Penn Plaza—55 flights," Arrabito says. "It's one way they show support, because lung health is crucial to them."

Arrabito also works closely with attorneys on estate administration files when the American Lung Association is a designated charitable beneficiary.

A member of the LL.M. program's inaugural class, Arrabito says the program helped focus her career goals. "I knew I wanted to do something different with my law degrees, and the program, including the Charitable Organizations course, helped me gain a better perspective," she says. "When you find a job you love, it no longer feels like work. This is where I find myself now, with an extreme passion for what I do."

Robert Aufseeser LL.M. '11

Robert Aufseeser doesn't mind that many people—lawyers included—think tax law is dull and incomprehensible.

"That's great for the people who do it," he says. "We know it's lively and interesting, and it allows us to solve problems for people."

Initially, he was drawn to both tax and criminal prosecution. But after a firm restructuring cost him his first job, Aufseeser, at the behest of his former employer, decided to get an LL.M. in Taxation. "In a world flooded with attorneys, it's important to build value and skills. With an LL.M., you can begin to build that expertise."

Aufseeser, an attorney at New Jersey-based Purcell, Mulcahy, O'Neill & Hawkins LLC, says that the LL.M. in Taxation not only taught him practical skills but also serendipitously introduced him to Betsy Flanagan, a partner at Purcell, who offered him a job.

Aufseeser learned key skills in the program, especially how to conduct tax research thoroughly and efficiently. "Professor Thomas's approach was problem-oriented. She taught us to brainstorm, to use our most valuable research tool—our brains—before cracking a book."

That approach serves him well in practice. "When a client calls in tears about being prosecuted by the IRS, they don't want a theory about the IRS, they want a solution."

Aufseeser is still in touch with professors and alumni of the Graduate Tax Program, who turn to each other for advice on cases. This spring he'll return to Professor LaPiana's J.D.-level Estate Planning course as a guest lecturer to share his experiences in the real world of tax law.

Scott Crafton J.D. '05, LL.M. '07

Timing, they say, is everything. As a 3L, Scott Crafton became interested in tax law, "too late to take many tax classes." But after a half year working for the city, he decided to return to NYLS for an LL.M. in Taxation.

Now a Vice President and National Tax Practice Specialist with US Trust, Bank of America, Crafton is glad he made that decision.

"Through the LL.M. program, I gained a familiarity with different areas of tax law and developed practical skills in tax research and writing. The professors are great, and the



Serena Arrabito J.D. '96, LL.M. '05



Robert Aufseeser LL.M. '11



Scott Crafton J.D. '05, LL.M. '07

curriculum provided a good balance of practical skills and academics.”

He honed his research and writing skills through tax research and wealth transfer planning courses, as well as an independent research project with Adjunct Professor Lisa Padilla.

At US Trust, Crafton analyzes changes in the tax laws affecting trusts and estates, and tax issues that arise for the trusts his firm administers. He also helps set standards for tax compliance for the groups that prepare returns.

Crafton recently contributed to a comment letter that the New York Bankers Association sent to the IRS on the proposed Treasury regulations regarding the income tax deduction for trustee fees, and he has participated in meetings of the Committee of Banking Institutions on Taxation.

He maintains ties to NYLS by attending the Annual Tax Lawyering Workshop, a CLE event open to all alumni. His pro bono work includes preparing income tax returns for low-income individuals in the IRS’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, which he joined as a J.D. student.

Chantel Edwards J.D. ’06, LL.M. ’10

If you’re trying to catch up with Chantel Edwards, you might consider buying a plane ticket or two. At this writing, Edwards, a tax attorney for Ernst & Young, has been on the road for the past five and a half weeks, working on behalf of expatriate American employees of a multinational corporation.

“I’m doing exactly what I’ve always wanted to do,” she says. “It’s exactly what I’ve prepared for.”

Edwards earned a B.S. in accounting followed by a J.D. at New York Law School. After two years of general practice, she decided to pursue an LL.M. to “deepen her tax knowledge.”

New York Law School was the best choice, she notes, because she’d already experienced the “excellent and

welcoming faculty.” Now Edwards says she uses the skills acquired in Professor Thomas’s Graduate Tax Research and Writing course every day.

“She taught me to write by revising a paper until it was perfect. Now in a work situation when I have to write a memo for a partner, I know how to do it. Or in the case of research, I know where to find the answer.”

Edwards’s multinational corporation client is benefitting from her research skills. She’s handling all the tax services of “inbound expatriates and outbound expatriates” by analyzing tax treaties between the United States and other countries.

“The great thing about Ernst & Young is that they require you to work in every department,” she notes. “I’m learning about all kinds of tax issues that I otherwise wouldn’t be exposed to.”

Maria Pirrone LL.M. ’11

When Maria Pirrone looks out into a sea of eager students, she knows she’s exactly where she wants to be.

“There is no greater reward than making a difference in a student’s life,” says Pirrone, an assistant professor at St. John’s University’s Tobin College of Business. “It’s wonderful to have undergraduates return and say ‘Do you remember me? I went into tax law!’”

Pirrone always knew she wanted to teach. And St. John’s feels like home: she earned her B.S., M.B.A., and J.D. there. But for her LL.M., Pirrone looked to NYLS, where her father, Vincent Pirrone, graduated in 1964.

“I knew that I needed an LL.M. in order to become an assistant professor; I just didn’t know how I could do it,” says the working mother of three. But when she met with Professor Thomas, “she was so welcoming and down to earth. I knew I’d find a way.”

Pirrone describes her NYLS professors as “experts in their fields,” and mentions Professor Robert J. Firestone ’90, a commissioner on the NYC Tax Tribunal who taught State

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Maria Pirrone LL.M. ’11

“The credo for professors is publish or perish. It’s important, but so is excellent teaching, and that’s something I learned by example at New York Law School.”

Maria Pirrone LL.M. ’11

and Local Tax, as well as Professors Anna Kozoulina '00 and Steven Tillem from the IRS Office of Chief Counsel. Pirrone is using Professor Tillem's Taxation of Financial Instruments class as a model for her Taxation of Financial Products course.

She plans to present several papers in the near future and may pursue an Ed.D. to further hone her tax research and teaching skills. "The credo for professors is publish or perish. It's important, but so is excellent teaching, and that's something I learned by example at New York Law School."

Melissa Sgambati J.D. '02, LL.M. '08

Even with work to catch up on after tending to an ill child for a few days, Melissa Sgambati is articulate and cheerful as she describes how her LL.M. is key to the work she does at McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP. Understanding the tax aspects of estate planning and administration not only enables her to practice in those areas, it also makes her "a more talented litigator," says Sgambati, a team leader of the firm's Private Client Services Group in the Morristown, New Jersey, office.

After earning a J.D. at NYLS in 2002, Sgambati entered a clerkship in the Chancery Division of the Bergen County (N.J.) Superior Court. Next she litigated probate and general equity matters at Harwood Lloyd, LLC. To gain tax expertise, she returned to NYLS, earning an LL.M. in 2008. Several key classes helped her prepare for a career shift.

"Federal Wealth Transfer Tax is great for sharpening your pre-death and post-mortem estate planning skills and understanding the interplay between gift and estate taxes," she notes. "Tax Practice and Procedure is an excellent primer if you are filing returns, handling audits, or litigating in Tax Court."

Sgambati's work includes drafting pleadings, wills, trusts, and prenuptial agreements; filing estate and inheritance tax returns; negotiating with tax authorities during audits; and creating and advising 501(c)(3) organizations. She litigates

in court and enjoys brainstorming solutions to tax issues with her colleagues.

Important, too, for the even-keeled Sgambati is a sense of humor: "I like to include several laughs in my work day and a small lunch."

Jordan Tamchin J.D. '09, LL.M. '10


Jordan Tamchin went to Hollywood in pursuit of a dream—becoming an entertainment agent. However, after two summers interning at United Talent Agency, the then-J.D. candidate knew he wanted a career that more closely combined his interests in law and business.

Tamchin took a decisive turn toward corporate tax law as a J.D. student at NYLS. But a desire to deepen his tax knowledge led him to the Graduate Tax Program.

"My father always told me that you're never finished learning," he says. "In the LL.M. program, I learned skills that continue to help me every day in my work."

Now an M&A tax advisor at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), Tamchin investigates complex tax issues in order to interpret the tax code for his clients and to help them make informed decisions. He regularly performs tax due diligence, assesses tax risks, and offers advice on how to properly structure M&A deals to optimize tax results.

In the LL.M. program, Tamchin had three key mentors among the adjunct faculty: Professors Alan Appel '76, Counsel at Bryan Cave LLP; Gary Mandel, a partner at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett; and Michael Kliegman, a partner at PwC. In fact, Tamchin's high-level performance in Professor Kliegman's class, Advanced Corporate Reorganizations, helped lead to a job offer from PwC.

"In my work, I'm not just reading and understanding the tax code, but I'm also applying it. The LL.M. prepared me for this by providing me core concepts in partnership, corporate, and international tax law—it ultimately gave me a solid foundation. Having an LL.M. is invaluable." 




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Eric Hatzimemos '92

By Edie Sachs

Eric Hatzimemos '92 is living proof of the huge benefits of New York Law School's geographic location and the power and flexibility of a legal education from NYLS.

"The Law School talks a lot about where it's located, and how you have access to the courts and to the business and corporate worlds," he says. "All of that is absolutely true and accurate. I can't stress that enough, how valuable it is to have all those opportunities literally right around the corner from the School. It directly affected where I ended up."

Hatzimemos, who started his career as an assistant district attorney in Brooklyn, later became a close advisor to New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, joining his administration in 1998, at the start of Giuliani's second term. From 1998 to 2000, Hatzimemos served as Assistant Criminal Justice Coordinator in the Mayor's Office of the Criminal Justice Coordinator, where his work involved oversight and facilitating partnerships among the police and fire departments, the Departments of Corrections and Probation, and other agencies. Then he moved over to City Hall as Assistant Counsel to the Mayor, where his duties included serving as lead trustee of the New York City Police and Fire Pension Funds and the Employees Deferred Compensation Fund.

After Giuliani left office, Hatzimemos helped the former mayor found the management and security consulting firm Giuliani Partners LLC, where he is currently a partner and executive managing director. At the same time, he is running his own consulting firm, Hatzimemos Partners LLC, which focuses on the energy, infrastructure, and advanced technology sectors.


Hatzimemos says Giuliani is "not only a great mentor but a great friend to me. His leadership, loyalty to his friends, and extraordinary intelligence are an example to me and everyone who has worked with him."



Hatzimemos's support of New York Law School is expressed not only through financial contributions but through his involvement with the Center for New York City Law. He serves on the Center's Advisory Council along with about 30 other government and civic leaders.

"I got to know [Professor Ross Sandler, Director of the Center] through some of my colleagues in the Giuliani administration; he was very well-known and very well-respected. The Center is a great concept and, to me, another reason why New York Law School stands out from other law schools. It's a practical tool for helping New Yorkers to understand how things get done in this city." In particular, Hatzimemos cites the CityLaw Breakfasts and the Center's publications for their role in helping clarify complex issues and guide decision makers toward different perspectives. "I think the Center's doing a great job, and I'll continue to do all I can to support it."

Hatzimemos credits his J.D. and his legal education for making his successes possible. He also believes that his time at the Law School instilled certain values which are themselves important keys to success: integrity, hard work, and perseverance.

"From the location of the School to the rigorous legal curriculum, NYLS really equipped me to go out there and succeed in a variety of ways," he says. "I found the legal education to be extremely valuable, not only in the practice of law itself, but in creating companies, growing businesses, and helping to manage a city like New York. NYLS is truly a great school that gives every graduate a shot at success and the chance to have an impact on our city and our country." 

Arletha Miles-Boyce '95

By Edie Sachs

Arletha ("Lisa") Miles-Boyce '95 was a member of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) while she was a student at New York Law School, but her demanding schedule—working full time during the day, attending classes as an Evening Division student—didn't leave her much time to really get involved with the organization. Today, she is trying to make up for this by supporting BLSA and its scholarship program as an alumni contributor.

"I was involved with BLSA as much as I could be, but not as much as I wanted to be," says Miles-Boyce. "Looking back, I wish I could have found more time for them, and that's part of the reason that I'm now trying to reach back and contribute."

During law school, Miles-Boyce worked as a legal assistant in the New York Life Insurance Company's Office of General Counsel. She gave birth to daughter Mackenzie, now 16, a month before graduation. After taking several years "off" to be a full-time mother—she also has two sons, Christopher, 14, and Jefferson, 8—she went back to work at Pace University, as its Human Resources Quality Coordinator. She now serves as the university's Affirmative Action Officer.

"In this role, I am responsible for investigating instances of harassment and discrimination, so my law school education is extremely helpful here," she says. "New York Law School was the place where I began to learn about civil rights law and regulations and how they intersect with our day-to-day lives."

She specifically cites the civil procedure course she took with Professor Edward A. Purcell Jr. and her contracts classes as having been helpful in preparing her for her current job. But it was the employment law course she took with Professor Arthur S. Leonard that really sparked her interest in her field. "I've followed that path ever since," she says.


Miles-Boyce was drawn back into involvement with BLSA largely through her friendship with another alum, Charles Whites '01, who was very active in the organization while at NYLS.



"I had created a scholarship at Pace in my mother's name, earmarked specifically for single mothers," she says, "but my conversations with Charles really made me begin to think about what a significant role my legal education has played in my life. It's shaped my ways of thinking and approaching things, and certainly it impacted my professional career."

"I realized that it was important to remember that, and also that I myself was once a struggling black law student at NYLS," she adds. "I've enjoyed a certain degree of success, and I'd like to make sure that the same opportunities continue to be available at the Law School that served me."

One of the things she appreciates about New York Law School is that it provided her the ability to go to school at night. "Not a lot of law schools were offering the evening program," she recalls. "But at NYLS I was able to work full time and still be able to pursue a legal education. This was a huge advantage for me."

Miles-Boyce wants to see BLSA continue to grow and strengthen at NYLS. "I'd like the students of color to continue to have a voice in the way the curriculum is developed, the direction the School is taking, the way faculty is recruited, and the resources that are made available to them," she says. "I'd like BLSA to be a real presence and a strong influence in the Law School." 

Sharon Sorkin '08

By Edie Sachs

When Sharon Sorkin's husband was accepted to medical school, she had no choice but to relocate, and New York City's loss was certainly Syracuse's gain. Sorkin '08, now a staff attorney at Syracuse's Frank H. Hiscock Legal Aid Society, is a young woman with a deep commitment to the practice of public interest law and strong beliefs about the obligations of all attorneys to the public at large.

Sorkin has lent her support to the Richard A. Matasar Scholarship, created by the Law School's Board of Trustees to honor the former dean for his transformative impact on New York Law School. In addition to contributing financially, Sorkin added her signature to a letter that is being used to solicit alumni participation in funding the scholarship.

"When I was asked to do that, I didn't hesitate, for two main reasons. One, I believe that it's important to continue supporting the School, and I've done so regularly, every year since graduation. Two, I believe that Dean Matasar did a phenomenal job in generating energy and enthusiasm among everyone connected to NYLS and in putting together a stellar faculty that's responsible for us [graduates] all turning out the way we did."


Sorkin not only supports the School financially, but also gives of her time: judging moot court competitions, mock-interviewing students, reviewing student résumés and cover letters, and providing general career advice. "Dean Matasar told us at fund-raising events that 'we must give what we can.' That's what I try to do—support the School any way I can. In fact, my organization just hired two NYLS graduates to fill two available positions."

She recalls her law school years as a time of both academic and personal strength. "I was able to excel at a time when the odds were against me," Sorkin says. Her husband, Jonathan—then her boyfriend—was battling cancer during that period. (He is now in remission.)

Sorkin came to law school as an extension of her work as an activist. "I was a canvasser and a community organizer, and I felt that there was a major piece of the puzzle missing in my discussions with ordinary citizens and legislators," she says. "I needed to know the law to get the changes done that I wanted done."

"It was easy for me to feel supported at NYLS, both from a vision perspective and from an academic perspective. The Law School has some of the best constitutional law thinkers in the country, including [Professors] Nadine Strossen, Ruti Teitel, and others."

After graduation, Sorkin, who affiliated with the Justice Action Center and was Vice Chair of the Moot Court Association, translated her academic accomplishments into a job with the large international firm Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP. The firm allowed her to do substantial pro bono work in her areas of interest, including housing, health, and voting rights. After two and a half years, she switched to public interest law full time, joining the Bronx Defenders, where she worked for about eight months before relocating to Syracuse.

At Hiscock Legal Aid, Sorkin works in the Civil Program, which mainly serves clients in housing, unemployment, and domestic relations matters, including domestic violence. She also works on the Cancer Legal Advocacy and Services Project (CLASP), advising cancer patients in 16 counties. It's a job for which she is perhaps uniquely qualified. "There's obviously a direct connection to my time in law school—the strength that came from tackling these types of legal problems as a student, and the ability to compartmentalize and be both empathetic and a problem solver at the same time." 

Eric Zohn '92

By Edie Sachs

Eric Zohn '92 can sum up his reasons for giving financial support to the Law School in one word: gratitude.

“New York Law School gave me the opportunity to make the living that I make,” he says simply. “I’m very grateful for that, and want to acknowledge that.”

Zohn is an in-house attorney with the New York office of William Morris Endeavor (WME), the internationally known talent and literary agency. He’s been there since graduating from NYLS in 1992, and also worked for the agency in nonlegal capacities both before and during law school. Currently he’s involved in many areas related to intellectual property rights—book deals, motion picture option agreements, e-books, policy setting, and contract negotiations.

Zohn has also taught as an adjunct professor at the Law School over the last several years. He describes his course, Entertainment Law II, as “a lot of fun, because the students who take it actually want to practice in that area; they’re not just there because of a requirement or because they think it will help them pass the bar. It’s great to be with students who are so enthusiastic and interested, and it’s just fun to be back at the School and in the new building.”

A consistent contributor to the School, Zohn was recently approached by the Office of Development and Alumni Relations about establishing a scholarship. The criteria for awarding the scholarship are still being worked out, but Zohn is leaning toward targeting the scholarship at “someone like me—a student needing financial aid, who knows that they want to practice entertainment law.”


Zohn is that rare attorney who has ended up doing exactly what he intended to do on the first day of law school. After earning his B.A. at Tulane, he took a two-year break to work in the entertainment business to gain industry experience and make contacts. He worked for a small music agency before getting in the door at WME.

He’d like to see the Law School place more focus on preparing students for careers in entertainment. “Considering how much of the industry is based in New York, I think it makes sense,” he says. “I know that a lot of people who go to NYLS are interested in working in entertainment. I see it in my class, and I saw it when I was a student there too.”

As a student, Zohn and a group of like-minded classmates decided to organize a panel on careers in the entertainment industry. “This was before the Internet, so the alumni office gave us a big binder of alumni records, and we went page by page looking to see where people worked. We found all sorts of interesting alumni who worked in advertising, music, and in firms that specialized in entertainment.

“We put together a career panel consisting of all NYLS alums, and it was a big hit,” he continues. “And it seems to me that there are even more students interested in entertainment these days than there were then.”

Zohn concedes that the field can be hard to break into. “There aren’t a lot of new jobs,” he says. “Getting a job largely depends on networking. But the good thing is, it’s not a ‘credentials’ area for the most part; you don’t have to have been a *Law Review* editor.”

The scholarship idea, of enabling someone else to have an opportunity he or she may not have otherwise, is very appealing to Zohn. “I take nothing for granted, and if I can help somebody else who’s deserving, that would be fantastic,” he says. 

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Class Notes

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1962

Irwin Kaplan writes that in 2011, he was appointed to his sixth consecutive two-year term as a member of the Metropolitan Washington (D.C.) Airports Authority Employee Relations Council. He resides in Bethesda, Maryland.

1974

Gary Cortellessa joined Stewart National Title Services as Vice President and Commercial Underwriting Counsel in December 2011. Based in Washington, D.C., he is responsible for enhancing underwriting services and expanding the company's national and multinational commercial business. (Stewart National Title Services)

1977

Arnold Klein has become a member of Koopersmith Klein LLC, a firm in Garden City, New York, that specializes in the practice of matrimonial law.

1978

John Moran received an Excellence in Scholarship award in 2011 from Wagner College in Staten Island, where he is a professor of business and employment law. (Wagner College)

1979

Hon. Jonah Triebwasser was reelected to another term as Town and Village Justice of Red Hook in Dutchess County, New York, in 2011. Earlier that year, he was named the Magistrate of the Year by the Dutchess County Magistrates Association.



New York, in July 2011 as a part of a special interdenominational service that welcomed the Shelter Island Yacht Club for its 125th anniversary. Zito is a trustee of the chapel and Chaplain of the Shelter Island Yacht Club. He is also a partner at Carter Ledyard & Milburn LLP in Manhattan. (*Shelter Island Reporter*)

1982

Michael Schaff was named "Woodbridge Best Lawyers 2012 Health Care Lawyer of the Year" by *Best Lawyers*. He is a shareholder of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer P.A. in Woodbridge, New Jersey, where he chairs the corporate and health care departments. (Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer)

1980

Andrew J. Franklin recently published several articles in *Business Daily* (Nairobi, Kenya), including "After Somalia, Kenya Must Move to Secure Borders" (December 12, 2011); "Why an Open-Ended Military Campaign in Somalia May Prove to Be Very Expensive" (December 7, 2011); and "There Is a Better, Cost-Effective Way to Fight Al-Shabaab off Kenyan Borders" (October 25, 2011). He also wrote a letter to the editor ("Woe Unto Kenya") that was printed in *The Nairobi Law Monthly* in January 2012. Franklin is the owner of Franklin Management Consultants Ltd. in Nairobi.

1983

Todd Becraft writes with this update: In 2009, he took over an immigration law practice specializing in deportation and removal defense and now spends most of his days in Los Angeles immigration court. In 2010, he prevailed in his first oral argument before the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on behalf of an elderly Armenian woman seeking political asylum. In summer 2011, he completed a one-year term as Chair of the Los Angeles County Bar Association Immigration Section Executive Committee and represented the petitioners in *Kawashima v. Holder* before the U.S. Supreme Court.

1981

Rev. Robert Zito, Parish Deacon of Trinity Church in Manhattan, preached at Union Chapel in Shelter Island,

Robin-Eve Jasper joined the North of Massachusetts Avenue Business Improvement District (NoMa BID) in Washington, D.C., as its new President in September 2011. (NoMa BID)

Stanley Layton presented a program on the basics of estate administration in surrogate's court at the Bernardsville Public Library in Bernardsville, New Jersey, in September 2011. He is the Deputy Surrogate for Somerset County, New Jersey. (Bernardsville Public Library)

Claire F. Rush and **Francesca A. Sabbatino '84** launched Rush & Sabbatino, PLLC, a fully woman-owned firm specializing in the defense of high-exposure personal injury litigation, in 2011. The firm is located in Manhattan.

1984

See note about **Francesca A. Sabbatino** above.

Jamieson Karson opened the second of two Pinkberry frozen yogurt stores he owns in Greenwich, Connecticut, in January 2012. The successful opening was covered by several local news outlets. Karson's other Pinkberry store, which he launched in Fairfield in 2010, was the first to open in the state of Connecticut. (*Daily Fairfield*)

1985

Hon. Judith McMahon was named Administrative Judge of the Richmond County (New York) Supreme Court, effective January 1, 2012. She was elected to the Supreme Court in 2009, after serving as an acting justice since 2006. (*Staten Island Advance*)

Guillermo Gleizer joined The Victoria Law Group in Miami as an arbitration specialist in September 2011. Originally from Argentina, Gleizer practices in the areas of securities arbitration and international arbitration and litigation in both English and Spanish. (The Victoria Law Group)

Rozanne Sullivan and **Lee Zimet**, a husband/wife team who met at NYLS, participated in "A Celebration of Lawyers in the Arts V: A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," a theatrical production presented by the *New Jersey Law Journal* on September 14, 2011. Sullivan was the stage and musical director, and Zimet was a member of the ensemble. The production was a benefit for New Jersey Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, Inc. (*New Jersey Law Journal*)



1986

Timothy McKeown was selected by the Supreme Court of New Jersey to serve a four-year term on the District XIII Ethics Committee, beginning in September 2011. He is a member of Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A. in Bridgewater, New Jersey, where he concentrates on civil and commercial litigation with an emphasis on real estate-related matters. (Norris McLaughlin & Marcus)

1988

Brian Graifman argued an important case, decided in October 2011, before the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. The court ruled that the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (FINRA) lacks the authority to judicially enforce collection of disciplinary fines imposed against its members (*Fiero v. FINRA*). The court reversed the dismissal of the Fiero complaint by the U.S. District Court and vacated FINRA's money judgment. Graifman serves as Counsel at Gusrae Kaplan Nusbaum PLLC in Manhattan.

1989

Eric Dale was elected President of the Fairfield County (Connecticut) Bar Association in September 2011. He is a partner at Robinson & Cole, LLP in Stamford, Connecticut, where he chairs the firm's emerging companies, private equity, and venture capital practice group. (Robinson & Cole)

Natalie J. Sobchak was appointed the Director of Pro Bono Programs at Pace Law School's Women's Justice Center (PWJC) in November 2011. Located in White Plains, New York, the PWJC provides a variety of legal services to victims and survivors of domestic violence and elder abuse. In her new position, Sobchak coordinates the center's existing programs, creates new volunteer opportunities for lawyers and non-lawyers, provides CLE training, administers the center's CLE and pro bono programs, fosters community outreach, and encourages members of the legal community to volunteer at PWJC. Sobchak is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Queens Symphonic Band, Inc. and continues to perform with the band as the first chair trombonist.

Glenn Verchick was elected President of the New York State Academy of Lawyers for 2011-12. He was also appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Brooklyn Bar Association, where he serves as the Editor in Chief of the Association's monthly publication, *The Brooklyn Barrister*. Verchick is a partner at Werbel, Werbel & Verchick LLP, primarily representing victims of medical malpractice. He is married to **Suzanne Harris '88**, who is in private practice in New Jersey; they have two sons.

1990

Darlene Prescott is performing pro bono work for clients in the Houston, Texas, area, including obtaining U.S. visas for human trafficking victims. She is also writing fiction and nonfiction, and recently won honorable mention in a national writing contest for a short story about a lawyer confronting both personal and professional dilemmas.



1992

Kathleen Barnett Einhorn was named one of New Jersey's "Best 50 Women in Business" for 2012 by the *NJBIZ* business journal. She is a partner in the Newark, New Jersey, office of Genova Burns Giantomasi & Webster, where she directs the complex commercial litigation practice group and the public contract law and bid protest litigation group. (Genova Burns Giantomasi & Webster)



1993

Keith Roberts joined Brach Eichler LLC in December 2011 as a member of the firm's health care practice group. Based

in Roseland, New Jersey, Roberts focuses his practice on health care law, complex insurance litigation, personal injury, and personal injury protection arbitration. (Brach Eichler)

1994

Joseph Kennedy joined Amarin Corporation in Bedminster, New Jersey, as Senior Vice President and General Counsel in December 2011. Amarin is a Dublin, Ireland-based clinical-state biotech company with offices in New Jersey and Connecticut. (*Bloomberg News*)

1995

Kevin Ward was named Commanding Officer of Patrol for the Borough of Staten Island by the New York City Police Department (NYPD), effective in January 2012. Ward is a 27-year veteran of the NYPD. (*Staten Island Advance*)

1997

Valerie Armstrong Barrows writes to announce the birth of her fourth grandchild, Andre Harrison, born to her son Wayne Harrison and his wife, Arlene, in October 2011. Andre joins Savannah, Sydney, and Trent Hall, children of her daughter Shebra Hall and her husband, Brian. Armstrong Barrows is a solo practitioner in Brooklyn, New York.

1999

Michael Combs was appointed Chief of the Criminal Division for the McHenry County (Illinois) State's Attorney's Office in Woodstock, Illinois, effective January 3, 2012. An Assistant State's Attorney, Combs is a long-time felony prosecutor who previously served in the Special Prosecution Unit of the State's Attorney's Office. (*McHenry County Blog*)

2000

Anthony H. Lowenberg joined Goldfarb LLP in Dallas, Texas, in March 2011. He focuses his practice on civil litigation. (Goldfarb)

Michael Nordskog published a book, *The Opposite of Cold: The Northwoods Finnish Sauna Tradition* (University of Minnesota Press, 2010). The book has won two awards: a Minnesota Book Award for General Nonfiction (2011), presented by the Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library, and a Midwest Book Award for Midwest Regional Interest (2010), presented by the Midwest Independent Publishers Association. Nordskog is an attorney editor for FindLaw, a Thomson Reuters business, based in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Peter Weinman writes that he ran the ING New York City Marathon in November 2011, as he has done every year since 2000. He is a solo practitioner in Staten Island, where he focuses primarily on real estate and civil litigation.

2002

Adam Taylor was named a partner at Kaplin Stewart Meloff Reiter & Stein, PC in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania, in January 2012. His practice focuses on real estate, business, and finance transactions.

2003

Joshua Coleman was named a corporate partner at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP in the firm's Hong Kong office in September 2011. His practice focuses on corporate finance transactions. (Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson)

Jisha V. Dymond was named Counsel at Genova Burns Giantomasi & Webster in February 2012. Based in the firm's Manhattan office, she is a member of the corporate political law and appellate

law practice groups. (Genova Burns Giantomasi & Webster)



Ross Kaufman joined Siegel, Reilly & Conlon, LLC, a boutique matrimonial law firm in Stamford, Connecticut, in December 2011. He litigates family, civil, and criminal law cases. (Siegel, Reilly & Conlon)



2005

Deena Novick joined Calypso Capital Management LP, a hedge fund in Manhattan, as Chief Compliance Officer in September 2011.

David Rankin is part of the legal team associated with the National Lawyers Guild that is representing a group of "Occupy Wall Street" protesters arrested for disorderly conduct in fall 2011. He was one of the attorneys who met with the Manhattan district attorney in October 2011 to request the dismissal of the arrests; the meeting was the subject of a front-page *New York Law Journal* article on October 18, 2011, "Guild Attorneys Seek Dismissal of 'Occupy Wall Street' Arrests." More than 50 defendants rejected the district attorney's subsequent offer to drop their cases in six months. Rankin is an attorney with the Law Office of Rankin & Taylor in Manhattan.

2006

Roy Locke writes that he was appointed as Fifth Ward City Councilman for the Borough of Roselle, New Jersey, in January 2012. Locke is a general practitioner in New York City.

2007

Chelsea Bellingeri self-published her first young-adult novel, *New England Witch Chronicles* (CreateSpace), in June 2011. (Amazon)

Jennifer Nelsen joined the Advisory Council of the Houston, Texas, Tahirih Justice Center in October 2011. The center works to protect immigrant women and girls seeking justice in the United States from gender-based violence. Nelsen is an associate in the complex commercial litigation group of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP in Houston.



2008

Katie Feola is a staff writer at *Adweek* in New York. Among her recently published articles is "Could News Corp.'s Board Fire Rupert Murdoch?" (July 20, 2011), in which NYLS Professor Jeffrey J. Haas is quoted. (*Adweek*)

Samantha Fredrickson is an attorney and director of the Nassau County Chapter of the New York Civil Liberties Union.

Virginia Goggin was honored at the 15th Annual Courage Awards presented by the New York City Anti-Violence Project in September 2011 in Manhattan.

She received the award for her work as Coordinator for the LGBT Law Project of the New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG) in Manhattan. (NYLAG)

Johanna Miller is the Assistant Advocacy Director at the New York Civil Liberties Union (NYCLU) in Manhattan. She is also the chair of the NYCLU's Education Writing Group and a member of the New York State Dignity for All Students Task Force. (NYCLU)

2009

Edward Braunstein is a member of the New York State Assembly, representing the 26th District in northeast Queens. He was elected in November 2010.

Melissa Witte co-authored the article "Statutory Arteriosclerosis" with NYLS Professor David Schoenbrod. It was published in the September/October 2011 issue of *The Environmental Forum*.

2010

Jason Wyatt, an LL.M. in Taxation grad, joined Novy & Associates in Manchester, New Jersey, as an associate in spring 2011. His practice focuses on trusts and estates, tax, and elder law. Wyatt was recently elected to the Board of Trustees of the Algonquin Arts Theater in Manasquan, New Jersey.

2011

Mara Slakas published her study "The Work-Family Balance for Lesbian Lawyers" in *IILP Review 2011: The State of Diversity and Inclusion in the Legal Profession* (Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession, 2011). She also presented her research at the 2011 IILP Symposium on the State of Diversity and Inclusion in the Legal Profession in Washington, D.C., in September 2011. 

A Hero for Haiti: Jean-Michel Voltaire '03

By Thomas Adcock



Jean-Michel Voltaire '03 is a middle-class family man with a home in suburban Washington, D.C., and a job as a trial attorney with the U.S. Justice Department. Life is good; life is secure. But it was not always so.

Voltaire arrived in the United States in 1994 seeking political asylum from the violent chaos of his homeland, Haiti. He was 18 years old, penniless, jobless, a speaker of Haitian Creole and French, but unable to navigate English.

In less than 10 years, Voltaire earned a GED from the New York public school system—while attending ESL classes and working in a factory and as a supermarket security guard—followed by a bachelor's degree from New York City College of Technology and a J.D. from New York Law School, where he graduated, *magna cum laude*, in 2003.

The decade was not without bumps in the road. On applying to New York City Tech, for instance, Voltaire failed the English proficiency tests. In order to qualify for admission, he enrolled in a three-month total immersion English course—five hours daily, five days a week. Ultimately, he graduated New York City Tech with a near-perfect grade point average.

Voltaire's odyssey, about which he is notably modest, constitutes a "true American dream," according to his mentor, New York Law School Professor Lenni B. Benson.

Today the odyssey continues. In addition to advocating on behalf of the U.S. Justice Department, Voltaire oversees R union Sportive d'Haiti (Sports Assemblies of Haiti), a fast-growing, Washington-based nonprofit organization

he created to assist a place he has never forgotten—the impoverished southern coast of Haiti. Launched in 2010, the program provides aid and services to Haitians affected by the devastating earthquake that hit in January of that year.

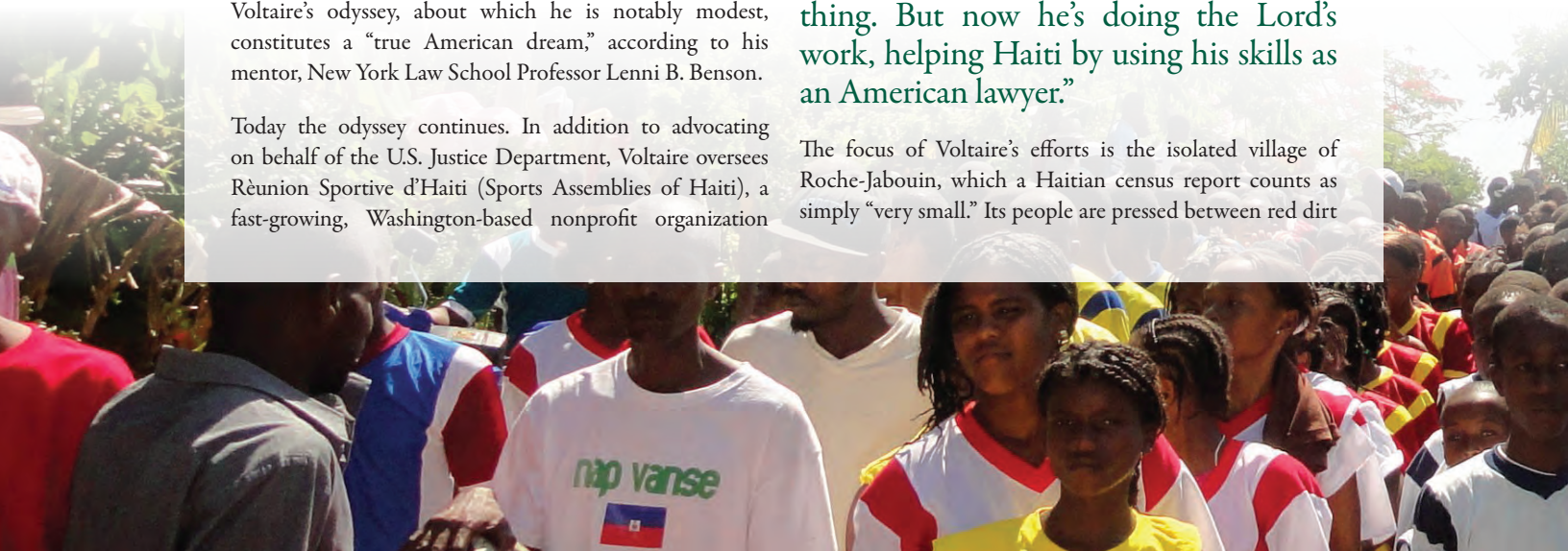
Voltaire knows the benefits of aid programs firsthand. He fled Haiti with assistance from the International Organization for Migration, an agency of the United Nations, during what he calls the "scary time" for Haiti: the aftermath of a right-wing coup d' tat that toppled the democratic government of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in 1991. Although Voltaire managed to leave in '94, the Haitian dictatorship would not permit his parents to accompany him. (Years later, his mother was granted leave to the U.S., but his father died prior to receiving an exit visa.)

Spending every spare moment between working hours in the Brooklyn Public Library, Voltaire prepared himself for an American education by studying English translations of the classic French writers his mother encouraged him to read—Rousseau and Montesquieu, and his namesake Voltaire, n e Fran ois-Marie Arouet.

He sent nearly a quarter of his wages to his parents and siblings in Haiti. Inspired by his grandfather, a carpenter whose wisdom was sought by villagers in need of counsel, Voltaire nurtured a dream of becoming a lawyer and made it come true.

"Here's a guy who always gave back to his country of origin," says Dean Emeritus Richard A. Matasar, who recently visited with Voltaire in Washington. "He was always sending back money. That's one thing. But now he's doing the Lord's work, helping Haiti by using his skills as an American lawyer."

The focus of Voltaire's efforts is the isolated village of Roche-Jabouin, which a Haitian census report counts as simply "very small." Its people are pressed between red dirt



mountains and the open sea, dependent on subsistence farming and drinking water from a communal well vulnerable to hurricane-related contamination. Voltaire was born there 40 years ago, one of 10 children—six of whom now reside in the U.S.

As a boy, Voltaire rose at five o'clock in the morning on school days to set out from home by six, on foot. This allowed sufficient time to traverse unstable roads and claim a seat in class by eight sharp—or else he'd be turned away in favor of a prompt student. Each school day involved walking three miles, round trip, usually barefoot to ensure that shoes would last the year.

"The distance was challenging, and the roads were rocky," says Voltaire. "If there were winds off the mountains, we got very dirty. We had to wash ourselves in the river before class."

He recalls, "There was a requirement to go to church every Sunday. You had to get that church [attendance] card punched. If you didn't go to church, you couldn't go to school. I couldn't stay home. My mother wouldn't allow that. She said education was the key to a good life. I tell my son all this. He laughs, and says, 'Wow!'"

Were it not for R union, today's boys and girls of Roche-Jabouin would likely grow up to tell their own children of similar hardship. But through alignment with the Maryland-based National Organization for the Advancement of Haitians, R union has expanded from the immediate purpose of providing soccer leagues for otherwise idle youth to a portfolio of social services critical to a region of Haiti ill-prepared for the mass influx of earthquake refugees from hard-hit Port-au-Prince—refugees with little choice but to return to the countryside.

This year, R union's projects include a youth essay contest, construction of wells and sanitary latrine facilities, and youth leadership programs. One other project is dear to Voltaire's heart: in association with Foundation Digicel of Haiti, R union opened an elementary school in Roche-Jabouin. The walk to class is now measured in minutes rather than miles.


Voltaire has visited the school he would love to have attended as a boy. He returns to Haiti at least three times yearly. His most recent trip was in late February, when Voltaire and partners from other public service agencies met to finalize plans for the construction of a clinic in Roche-Jabouin that will provide much-needed basic medical services, including pre-natal care and immunizations.

Of her prot g  and friend, Professor Benson recalls, "Even early in law school, he could demonstrate effective presentation of complex materials, skills that usually require a few years' practical experience. As I got to know Jean-Michel better, I was struck by his modesty and generosity to others."

The professor believed public service was the natural place for her idealistic student, and accordingly steered him to the Attorney General's Honors Program and his eventual career with the Justice Department. He now works at the trial and appellate levels on cases that include constitutional challenges to federal statutes and representing the U.S. in litigation against foreign governments and diplomats.

"I came to the United States because this is a country where democracy and freedom, the most cherished ideals of humanity, are birthrights," says Voltaire. "These are the ideals that every human being should strive for."

Of his own decade of striving, he says, "People tell me it's unbelievable. Extraordinary? Maybe, but not as difficult as some people would think. The difference between the possible and the impossible depends on your point of view, and keeping your priorities straight."

Among the Haitian diaspora, there is great importance attached to helping people back home. In Haitian Creole, the expression is *M'ap vini*, meaning "I will be back." As will Jean-Michel Voltaire, again and again. 



Robert Erb '92 Scores Big in Sports

By James Hellegaard

A longtime fan of the New York Giants, Robert Erb '92 watched Super Bowl XLVI with a great sense of joy and perhaps even a little more pride than the rest of the Big Blue faithful. Adding to his satisfaction that Sunday night was the knowledge that most of the Giants players were wearing helmets designed and built by Schutt Sports, the company where Erb has served as Chief Executive Officer since 2007.

If you're a sports fan and don't know the name Schutt Sports, you've undoubtedly seen and possibly even used their products. The company, based in Litchfield, Illinois, is the world's leading maker of football helmets and face guards. Three out of four pro football players take the field wearing Schutt gear. In addition to manufacturing products for professional teams, Schutt also supplies goods for local and national high school and college teams, including baseball and softball.

For Erb, the job is a great way to combine his love of sports with a passion for the law, particularly intellectual property, and tackle the myriad issues involved in running a large company, from regulatory issues to research and development.

Erb's love of sports goes back to his youth, when he watched a young Fran Tarkenton scramble for his life as quarterback of the Giants. Erb also walked the sidelines as a football coach for St. Francis de Sales High School in Toledo, Ohio, when the school won the state championship in 1984.

A few years later, when he started taking law school classes at night, Erb was working full time in a patent and trademark firm, Dvorak and Traub, while also coaching his two sons in soccer, wrestling, football, and baseball. One of his clients at the firm was Adidas, a European sporting goods manufacturer that had yet to make

its mark in the U.S. market. The company, which was dealing with a host of issues related to IP and undergoing some fundamental changes, brought in Erb, just a year out of law school, as General Counsel of Adidas America in 1993.


Within two years, Erb had helped put together all the pieces necessary to launch an initial public offering on the Frankfurt Exchange. Soon he was adding mergers and acquisitions, contracts, and sports marketing to his list of duties.

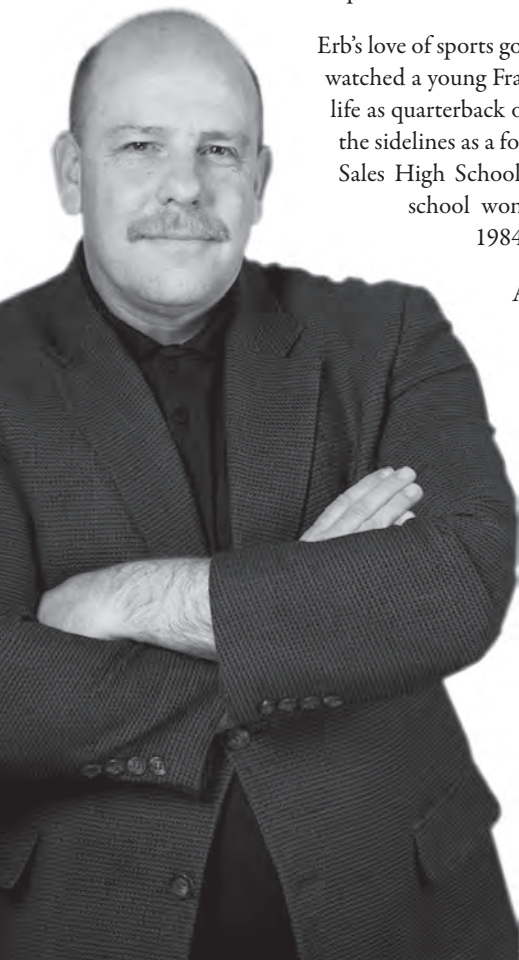
"That's when I started negotiating with the leagues," Erb recalls. "The National Football League, Major League Baseball, National Basketball Association, even the National Hockey League."

During his tenure, Adidas went from \$250 million in annual sales to just under \$1.7 billion. In 1998, Adidas acquired Salomon Ski, which had a wholly-owned subsidiary, TaylorMade Golf, where Erb would spend the next five years as the chief legal officer and head of global marketing. In his time there, TaylorMade went from \$325 million to \$770 million in annual sales. After two years working with private equity, Erb took over the reins at Schutt Sports.

"Being a former coach before I even started attending law school certainly helped and drove a kind of a passion for these various sports brands," Erb says. "But to me the more interesting thing was what the intellectual property portfolio looked like and what it could look like if it was monitored and matured correctly."

Even as CEO, Erb still performs the functions of a general counsel for Schutt Sports, while also relying on outside counsel from time to time.

"Law is just a disciplined way of viewing problems and understanding consequences," Erb explains. "So I found no matter what I was doing, it was always helpful to have the background to know what it was like to go into court and defend rights or prosecute them." 



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Hon. Roger J. Miner '56

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The New York Law School community mourns the passing of distinguished alumnus Hon. Roger J. Miner '56, who died at his home in Greenport, New York, on February 18, 2012. Judge Miner was a widely respected senior judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit whose illustrious career earned him mentions as a possible nominee for the U.S. Supreme Court.

After graduating *cum laude* from New York Law School, where he was the first Managing Editor of the *Law Review*, Judge Miner was admitted to practice in New York and in the United States Court of Military Appeals. He served on active military duty from 1956 to 1959, and was awarded the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant for his work on the revision of the *Manual for Courts-Martial*. He later served with the Army Reserve and was discharged in 1964 with the rank of captain in the Judge Advocate General's Corps. He was admitted to the Bar of the Republic of Korea in 1958, a rare honor for an American.

In 1959, Judge Miner joined his father, Abram Miner '26, in private practice in Hudson, New York. He was later named Corporation Counsel for the City of Hudson and served as the Assistant District Attorney for Columbia County. He was the Columbia County District Attorney from 1968 to 1975.

In 1976, at the age of 41, Judge Miner became one of the youngest justices of the New York State Supreme Court, serving in the Third Judicial District. President Ronald Reagan appointed him to the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York in 1981 and to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in 1985. He assumed senior status in the Second Circuit in 1997. A prolific writer, Judge Miner authored more than 700 published appellate opinions and sat on Second Circuit panels in well over 2,000 matters. He also wrote more than 30 law journal and law review articles, covering a broad range of topics.

Judge Miner's deep commitment to New York Law School was wide-ranging. He taught at the Law School as an adjunct professor from 1986 to 1996, and also served on the Board of Trustees. He received an honorary degree from the Law School in 1989, as well as the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Alumni Association. In 1988, Judge Miner and his family established the Abram Miner Scholarship Fund to honor his father. In 2003, the Law School honored Judge Miner at a gala event that included the unveiling of a portrait of him and the Law School's acceptance of the donation of his papers. Judge Miner was posthumously awarded the President's Medal of Honor, the Law School's highest honor, at Commencement in 2012.

Judge Miner mentored dozens of former law clerks, many of whom are NYLS alumni. In formal remarks appearing in the February 28, 2012 *Congressional Record*, New York Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, one of Judge Miner's former clerks, remembered him as a "truly brilliant and dedicated jurist who served New York and the nation as a public servant his entire life. . . . He inspired me with his integrity, fairness, and great love of public service. I will always remember his generosity, kindness, and great intellect that taught me so much."

The Law School community will remember Judge Miner for his courage, wisdom, and dedicated service to the law. We extend our condolences to his wife, Jacqueline, and his sons, brother, and grandchildren. **F**

Remembering **Professor Donald H. Zeigler** and **Dean Emeritus Harry H. Wellington**



As a follow-up to our articles on Professor Donald H. Zeigler and Dean Emeritus Harry H. Wellington in the last issue of *New York Law School Magazine*, below are remarks that were delivered at memorial services held in their honor in fall 2011, where family, friends, and colleagues gathered to celebrate their lives.

Remarks by Professor David Schoenbrod
Memorial for Donald H. Zeigler
November 7, 2011
New York Law School

To his colleagues, and I have had the good fortune to be one for over a quarter century, one of Don's most outstanding characteristics was his generosity. That generosity manifested itself in his teaching. He prepared for class by writing what he called his "script." In it, he would set out not only each question he would pose to the students, but also each conceivable answer and his response. Such preparation came from a source much deeper than the motto "Be prepared," although he did have his inner Boy Scout. No, the assiduousness of the preparation came from his desire to give everything that he could to his students—that is, from his generosity. That is why the students acknowledged him as a master teacher, and his colleagues did too.

He was profoundly generous toward us too. He not only befriended new colleagues, but offered to teach them how to teach. To those lucky enough to teach his subjects, he gave copies of his precious scripts with stage directions to go with them. He was equally generous in offering to read drafts of articles and providing constructive—always constructive—comments. I can still hear the excitement bubbling up from within him as he offered suggestions on how to make our work better.

This generosity to colleagues was evident from the first time that I met him in the academy in 1983. That generosity continued even after he fell ill. Don and I went off to lunch at a nearby restaurant. I didn't know how many more such lunches there would be. What Don wanted to talk about

was our new first-year legal skills program. We had hired Anne Goldstein to design it. The design was a big challenge because it would involve 15 full-time professors giving hands-on help to the entire first-year class, and lots of long-time professors had opinions. In hearing Don talk, I saw that he believed deeply in Anne and the program, that he was on her side and the side of the students who would benefit from it, and that despite being ill, he was up to his elbows helping her.

Don's generosity was also evident outside the academy. He loved to help. I see marks of his help in my daily life. I open the door of my house and see a flower garden, which he designed. I open my favorite cookbook, which he recommended. I pick a tomato from one of my tomato plants, which is thriving because he suggested strategies to stave off the dreaded tomato wilts.

A week ago, as I was preparing these remarks, I saw a dish of tomatoes on the dining room table. This year's tomato vines had finally succumbed to the wilts and the cold. These were the last of their tomatoes. Today those tomatoes are gone. What is left is the memory of Don's generosity, and the source from which it came—love.

Remarks by Professor Edward A. Purcell Jr.
Memorial for Harry H. Wellington
November 13, 2011
Yale Law School

I first met Harry some 20 years ago when he came to New York Law School. Then, I took pride, as I surely do now, in the fact that I had a small hand, as a member of the dean

search committee, in bringing him to the school. From our first encounter, I was won over by his rare combination of warm and gentle manner, tolerant and sensitive demeanor, astute and sophisticated judgment, and passionate devotion to intellect and education.

Harry nourished a never-flagging commitment to the highest possible standards of academic excellence. During his deanship I served for several years on the appointments committee, an onerous and time-consuming job that a dean could surely avoid. Always, however, Harry insisted on sitting with the committee and participating in all its deliberations. “The most important thing I can do,” he repeatedly insisted, “is to help ensure that we find the very best candidates and make the highest-quality faculty appointments possible.”

I remember vividly the way Harry recounted one particular story about clerking for Justice Felix Frankfurter. Harry thought me an avid, though relatively unsympathetic, audience for his Frankfurter recollections, and I suppose it’s fair to say that he himself had mixed feelings about the Justice and his career on the court. The story involved an intense disagreement. Asked to review the Justice’s draft of an opinion, Harry reluctantly explained that he thought its reasoning unsound. Frankfurter immediately began arguing with him and continued to do so for several days. Indeed, while Harry was driving him home one evening, Frankfurter grew so upset with Harry’s continued refusal to accept the opinion’s reasoning that he gave him an extended and exceptionally rough going-over. It was so rough, in fact, that when Harry arrived home his wonderful wife, Sheila, was waiting at the door with a martini in her hand. Frankfurter had just telephoned, she informed him, and told her that when Harry arrived home he would be needing a particularly strong drink.

Harry, of course, was unnerved by the experience, and he feared that he had overstepped his bounds. In chambers the following Monday he awaited the Justice’s arrival with some anxiety. When Frankfurter finally appeared, he strode straight to Harry’s desk and literally threw a batch of papers on it. “Here, read this,” he commanded curtly. “I hope you’re happy!” Stunned, Harry quickly gathered the papers and began reading. It was the opinion, now rewritten to reflect Harry’s analysis and Harry’s conclusion. Frankfurter had reexamined the opinion over the weekend, and he had finally—and obviously quite unhappily—decided that Harry was right.

Harry was understandably relieved and rightly proud, but he was also deeply impressed. On an opinion the Justice cared about and defended repeatedly—and even vehemently—Frankfurter was ultimately willing to acknowledge that his young law clerk had the better of the argument. The episode, Harry believed, exemplified in practice the ideals of law and reason, of intellectual honesty and integrity. It was for its illustration of those ideals, I believe, that Harry continued to remember and recount the story, and it was for his own profound commitment to those same ideals that I—and so many others—so admired Harry.

After Harry left the deanship, he moved into the office next to mine. At first occasionally, and soon quite regularly, I would stop by his office, invariably greeted by a wide, welcoming smile. “Come in, my friend,” he would say with a wave, and then one or the other of us would immediately advance some question, or observation, or opinion on whatever issue was currently occupying our attention, sometimes speaking simultaneously and frequently seeking—delightfully as it turned out—to be attempting to make the exact same point. There was wonderful satisfaction in knowing that no matter how agitated I might be about some unfortunate new legal or political development—and no matter how hyperbolic some of my assertions might be—Harry would respond sympathetically and often would add something like: “Well, you’re right, and let me tell you what makes it even worse.”

Those conversations ranged widely from law and politics, to friends and family, to the books, plays, movies, and travel experiences we shared or hoped to share. Talking with Harry was invariably rich and rewarding—informative, amusing, enlightening, and thought-provoking. Listening to his comments and observations, I not only learned a great deal, but I came to understand the values he most prized: fairness and justice, reason and tolerance, honesty and integrity, friendship and family.

My feelings about Harry are dominated by one all-encompassing sense. Harry was kind, decent, understanding, and entirely fair-minded. Simply put, he was a fine and good person. While his professional achievements merited my deepest respect, his personal qualities commanded my highest admiration. I miss his welcoming smile, his conversation, and his inspiration. I miss his friendship. ■

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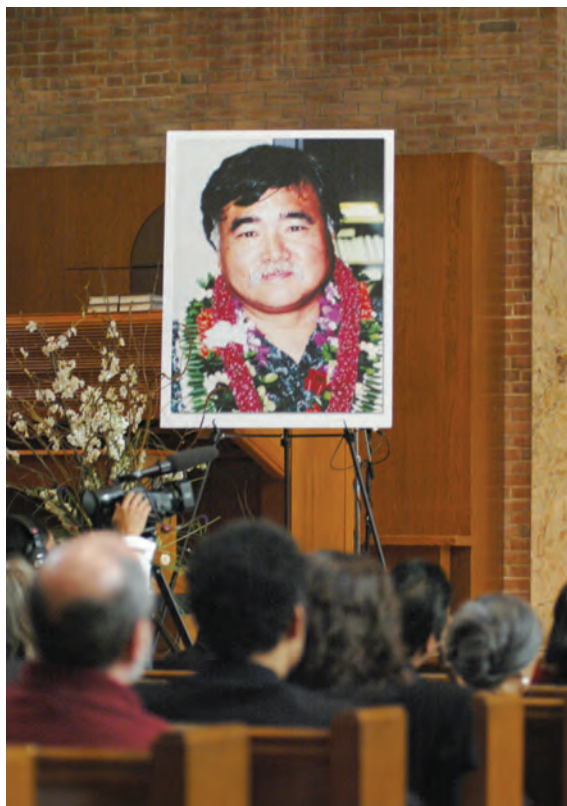
Chris Kando Iijima '88: Legacy of Teaching

By Amelia Jonakait

The teachings of the late Chris Kando Iijima '88 had an indelible impact on all those he came in contact with—as an activist, musician, teacher, scholar, and lawyer—and they continue to enrich many lives today. He was instrumental in launching the Asian American movement, as well as in transforming legal education.

Born in New York City in 1948, Iijima inherited the activism gene from his parents. His father, Takeru, had served with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team—a highly-decorated Japanese American army unit in World War II—while his mother, Kazu, was held in an internment camp. Both parents were later involved in establishing the Asian American movement, aimed at promoting basic rights and freedoms for Asian Americans and creating an Asian identity based on a collective history and shared culture in America.

In 1963, the Iijima family went to the March on Washington, where young Chris witnessed Martin Luther King Jr.'s historic "I Have a Dream" speech. His mother was inspired to found an organization for Japanese Americans to develop pride in their heritage, but it was Chris who reportedly convinced her to include all Asian-derived Americans in the organization. The first meeting of Asian Americans for Action (Triple-A) was held in 1969. Iijima's parents also helped establish the United Asian Communities Center in New York in 1972.



Iijima further evolved as an activist while a student at Columbia University, through participation in antiwar protests and as a singer/songwriter. After he graduated in 1969, he formed the folk music trio Yellow Pearl with Nobuko Miyamoto and "Charlie" Chen, and they began touring in 1970. The band played at coffee houses, on college campuses, and even made it onto *The Mike Douglas Show* at the invitation of John Lennon and Yoko Ono in 1972. Their first album, *A Grain of Sand: Music for the Struggle by Asians in America*, included the band's namesake song, "Yellow Pearl," which has been likened to an anthem for Asian Americans; the band itself deemed it "a song of ourselves."

The title Yellow Pearl is a play on the phrase "yellow peril," used pejoratively in many Western nations to refer to an influx of Asian immigrants. As songwriters Iijima and Miyamoto explained in their album description, "We were ridiculed and feared and looked on as something less than human. We were like a tiny grain of sand, isolated and separated from our homeland," but in time, that grain of sand transforms into something beautiful: the pearl. The album was later inducted into the Smithsonian Institution's collection as a seminal document in the struggle for Asian American identity and culture.

Moving to another stage, Iijima became an elementary school teacher at Manhattan Country School (MCS) in 1975. MCS was the perfect platform for Iijima to begin his teaching career, as it was founded on the philosophy that "equality, social justice, a diverse community, and the inspiration of Martin Luther King Jr." would form the basis for children's education.

It was at MCS that Iijima met his future wife, Jane Dickson, with whom he had two sons, Alan and Christopher. In 2006, MCS honored Iijima posthumously by creating the Chris Iijima Fund to "support the school's commitment to economic and social diversity in the classroom."

After a decade at MCS, Iijima realized he could have a greater impact on the world if he became a lawyer, and he enrolled at New York Law School. He served as a research assistant for Professor Lawrence M. Grosberg, who describes him as "an excellent student; never shy in telling me when he thought I was wrong, but always doing so in a gentle way." Iijima was an editor of the *New York Law School Law Review* and graduated *magna cum laude* in 1988.

After law school, Iijima clerked for the late Hon. Charles E. Stewart Jr. of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and then worked in litigation for the New York-based firm of Friedman & Kaplan. He also began publishing law review articles about social justice and advocating for Asian American rights, in addition to continuing to write songs.

Iijima returned to the classroom as a member of the law faculty in NYU Law School's Lawyering Program and helped establish the Lawyering Skills Program (now the Office of Clinical and Experiential Learning) at New York Law School. He was also an adjunct professor in the Legal Studies and Asian Languages Departments of the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

"He was a terrific colleague—as excellent a law teacher as any I've had the privilege to observe," Professor Grosberg recalls. "He had this exceptional teaching talent of encouraging discussion of difficult subjects in a non-threatening and very sensitive way."

In 1998, Iijima was invited to join the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, and in 2001 became a tenured professor and head

of the Pre-Admission Program there. The program has since been renamed the Ulu Lehua Scholars Program, based on a song Iijima co-wrote about the native Hawaiian lehua blossom. The school voted Iijima the Outstanding Professor of the Year in 2000, and he received the Board of Regents' Excellence in Teaching Award in 2001.

Iijima also wrote Richardson's school pledge, which he upheld to the highest degree in his own life: "To advance the interests of those I serve before my own; to approach my responsibilities and colleagues with integrity, professionalism, and civility; to guard zealously legal, civil, and human rights that are the birthright of all people; and, above all, to endeavor always to seek justice."

Iijima died in 2005 after a long struggle with a rare blood disease. In 2011, the Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty (CAPALF) memorialized his impact on legal education by creating the Professor Chris Kando Iijima Teacher and Mentor Award. The award was established to honor the significant contributions Iijima made to public service, to legal education, and specifically to the Asian American movement. [H](#)

Pulitzer Prize-Winning Poet **Wallace Stevens**, Class of 1903, Featured on "Forever" Stamp



In April 2012, the U.S. Postal Service debuted a series of "Forever" stamps dedicated to American poets of the 20th century. Among the poets featured is NYLS alumnus Wallace Stevens, Class of 1903.

A full-time attorney as well as a full-time poet, Stevens practiced insurance law for more than 50 years and published seven volumes of poetry. He was elected to

the National Institute of Arts and Letters, received the National Book Award (twice), and won the Pulitzer Prize for his *Collected Poems* in 1955.

Stevens grew up in Reading, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Harvard University and New York Law School. After working as an insurance lawyer for several years in New York, he moved to Connecticut in 1916 and joined the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company, where he was named Vice President in 1934 and remained for the rest of his working life.

His first book of poems, *Harmonium*, sold only 100 copies when it was published in 1923, but is now regarded as one of the 20th century's most dazzling collections of poetry. Other volumes include *Ideas of Order* and *Owl's Clover* (1936), *The Man with the Blue Guitar* (1937), *Parts of a World* (1942), and *The Auroras of Autumn* (1950). [H](#)

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